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Labour manifesto shorn of left policies

Kinnock gets his way over poll promises

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock confirmed his dominance of the Labour Party's policy-making machinery yesterday by securing the adoption of an election manifesto shorn of many traditional left-wing commitments.

After the election-eve Clause V meeting of Labour's shadow cabinet and national executive committee at Transport House, Mr Kinnock hailed what he called a "specific and direct, comprehensive and confident" set of policies.

The two-hour meeting, reasonably good tempered compared with many bitter battles that have characterized past manifesto-drafting exercises, was the climax of Mr Kinnock's four-year attempt to modernize Labour's policies, a process assisted by the Labour leader's growing ascendancy during that time over the NEC and the shadow cabinet.

The far left, led by Mr Tony Benn and Mr Dennis Skinner, was rebuffed time after time, as it objected to the way the party has dropped or heavily modified many cherished objectives, many passed by the requisite two-thirds majority at party conference to qualify them to be considered for inclusion in the manifesto.

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Many of those policies have been ditched because of their vote-losing potential.

If Labour loses the election it will face the inevitable charge from the left that it did so because it failed to fight on true socialist policies.

The manifesto, which will not be published until next week, will be dominated by Labour's attack on poverty and unemployment, its commitment to reduce unemployment by a million in two years, improve pensions, the health service and the education system.

But unlike past manifestos there will be no pledges to remove the legislative powers of the House of Lords or to withdraw from the European Community.

Dropped from the policy planks passed by the conference are promises to reimburse miners for fines incurred during the year-long strike and to reimburse surcharged councillors. The manifesto will refer the need for "justice" for the dismissed miners.

The commitment to phasing out nuclear power is modified to call for "diminishing dependence" on nuclear power. Past commitments to renationalize industries privatized by the Tories are modified to promise the return of British Telecom and British Gas to "social ownership".

Labour will also promise to transfer money saved from its commitment to a non-nuclear defence policy to conventional spending. The manifesto commits Labour to "replacing" rather than repealing all the Conservative union laws.

On all these and some other issues the left put up token resistance yesterday. It called for all privatized industries to be taken back, for defence savings to be spent on "peaceful purposes".

But it was not until towards the end that the long-held convention that votes are not held in Clause V meetings was broken when, in what appeared to be a tactical move to underline Mr Kinnock's strength, three issues were put to the vote.

Mr Benn, Mr Skinner and a handful of left-wing colleagues were heavily defeated on the European Community issue, on an attempt to commit Labour to removing all US bases from Britain, and on a proposal that Labour should work towards the gradual dismantling of Nato and the Warsaw pact. On all the majority was about 40 to six.

On defence, on which there was little division, the shift made by Mr Kinnock before his meeting with President Reagan to allow cruise missiles to stay pending a superpower deal on intermediate range weapons was confirmed. The manifesto spells out that the removal of US nuclear weapons will be the subject of consulations with the United States.

Veterans of past Clause V meetings could not recall an occasion when the the leadership had so comprehensively got its way or when, because of the decline in the size of the left, there had been more unity.

Senior Labour sources said that the manifesto was characterized by prudence, by the strong desire to promise no more than was attainable in the course of a parliament and no more than the nation could afford.

● The City appeared to be heading for an unsettled election period yesterday, as share prices followed Monday's gains with sizeable losses (Our Economics Correspondent writes).

The profit-taking that set after the announcement of the election date continued yesterday morning. The pound was also weak. But by the close of trading, both had recovered some ground.

Thatcher refuses TV debate

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mrs Thatcher yesterday refused a public challenge in the Commons by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to a face-to-face television debate.

During rowdy but good-humoured scenes, she faced chants from Labour MPs of "Frit! Frit! Frit!", the Lincolnshire dialect word meaning frightened which she used to describe Mr Michael Foot, the former Labour leader, when he accused her of "cutting and running" in 1983.

Government leaders rarely agree to face-to-face debates with opposition leaders, seeing little point in boosting their status, and Mrs Thatcher proved no exception.

She told Mr Kinnock: "You find your own platform, I will not give you one". And when he repeated his call she said that such a debate would be likely to generate more heat than light.

● The 2p income tax cut from 29p to 27p in the pound was yesterday preserved by a majority of 96 when MPs voted on the truncated version of the Finance Bill.

Dominant figure: Mr Kinnock leaving Transport House yesterday.

Hailsham to stay Lord Chancellor

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone may well stay on until the end of the year as Lord Chancellor if the Conservatives win the election.

He is now aged 79, and in his third term of office but has always made it clear he has no wish to retire and is willing to do the job as long as the Prime Minister thinks he has a role to play.

He is unlikely to see out another Conservative term in office but the key to his staying on this year could be the civil justice review, the far-reaching programme of reforms to the civil courts which is now under way under his supervision.

The bulk of this massive review, which began in February 1985 and has looked at each of the main areas of work in the civil courts and proposed radical reforms, has been completed.

But it would make sense for Lord Hailsham to see the proposals through into legislation. The final paper, a general one proposing reforms across all the civil courts, is out for consultation with comments due back at the end of July.

The completion of the review would also roughly coincide with Lord Hailsham's 80th birthday on October 9.

In the meantime speculation continues about a possible successor. The leading Conservative candidates are Sir Michael Havers, the present Attorney General, who is favoured by leading members of the Bar despite

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Kremlin quiet on Healey

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

An unrepentant Mr Denis Healey yesterday stood doggedly by his claim that the Soviet leadership was "praying" for a Labour election victory, in spite of the pointed refusal of the Kremlin to give any public backing to his remark.

Before flying back to London to face the furore caused by his assertion that he had been authorized by an unnamed Moscow official to announce the Kremlin's preference, the shadow Foreign Secretary told a press conference that the Soviet Union's endorsement of Labour was a good issue on which to campaign.

Despite his public bravura,

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Barbie's Nazi spirit surfaces in Lyons court

From Michael McCarthy, Lyons

Klaus Barbie, the so-called Butcher of Lyons, showed the first signs of an unrepentant Nazi spirit during his trial for "crimes against humanity" here yesterday evening.

In a petulant outburst, reproved by the judge, he said he felt he was before the Nuremberg war crimes tribunal. And after confirming a long and detailed account of his steady progress through the Nazi security service, the SD, in the 1930s, he said his superiors had not been wrong to describe him as "a confirmed believer in the Nazi world".

Barbie, aged 73, spoke in hoarse rasping German, his words being translated to the court by a young woman. He was first heard after his counsel, Maître Jacques Vergès, submitted that there was no case to answer as his client had twice been condemned before in France for war crimes, in 1950 and 1954.

The judge, M André Cerdini, asked Barbie if he had any observations. Barbie replied: "When I heard all the deportations I am accused of yesterday and today, I thought I found myself at the tribunal at Nuremberg. It sounded as if I was the master of Lyons and all the region, and that I was the only one giving orders but in fact we came under the German Army".

M Cerdini told him there was no need to go into his defence at this point.

Later the judge began the "personal interrogation" of Barbie to establish in detail his background. The former Gestapo officer nodded, saying "Ja" or "Stimmt", confirming the picture being presented of him as a professional Nazi from first to last.

The court heard that he joined the Hitler Youth in 1933 after his widowed mother was unable to provide him with the money for legal studies. He joined SD, the *Sicherheitsdienst*, on 26 September 1935, taking a special SS oath. He said it was different from the Army oath: "It was an oath to Adolf Hitler".

Then he confirmed to the court that he had done two years of SD training in Dusseldorf, becoming a member proper of the Nazi Party in 1937 at the age of 23. The next year he did his military service in the 39th Ludendorff infantry regiment — born in 1913, only three months was required of him.

The court then heard that on 20 April 1940, three weeks before Hitler's armies began their march of conquest in the West, he was promoted to lieutenant. Five days later he married, and on 30 June 1941, eight days after Hitler's invasion of Russia, his daughter, Ute, was born.

The judge asked Barbie to explain his conception of the Nazi world and he replied: "I cannot explain National Socialism to you in two words."

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Family friend puts up Saunders bail

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chief was granted bail yesterday after Mr "Tiny" Rowland and Mr Herbert Heinzel, the frozen-cake magnate, agreed to provide sureties of £250,000 each against his appearance to face charges of attempting to pervert the course of justice and falsifying documents.

After the hearing Mr Saunders launched a stinging attack upon those he said were responsible for his dismissal as chairman and chief executive in January this year.

He would not rule out the possibility that he would attend Guinness's annual general meeting later this month to oppose a resolution seeking to remove him as a Guinness director.

Mr Rowland, who is chairman of the Lonrho international trading company, said after the hearing that he had not known Mr Saunders for long, but had met him twice recently in Switzerland. "I was impressed with him" he said.

Mr Rowland appeared at Bow Street court with Mr Paul Spicer, a fellow Lonrho director. When later asked whether Mr Rowland was also paying Mr Saunders' legal costs, Mr Spicer said: "I have no comment and Mr Rowland doesn't want to answer that question".

Mr Heinzel, aged 54, a British citizen who was born in Vienna, described himself as a "family friend" of Mr Saunders. He owns Heinzel (London & Vienna) Ltd which makes Heinzel's frozen cakes.

He said yesterday that he was standing surety because Mr Saunders' late father, an Austrian gynaecologist, "made it possible for my wife to have our daughter".

Mr Heinzel added that he had no connection with Mr Rowland.

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Love letters before trial

The mother of Kimberley, the girl aged four who was battered to death, promised to marry the man accused of the child's murder, the Central Criminal Court was told. Mrs Pauline Carlile said she wrote 190 love letters to him
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Party man

"I've worked for many leaders within the party — all with their virtues . . ." In an exclusive interview with *The Times*, Michael Heseltine on the Conservatives, the future and where he stands.. Page 10

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Aids and vaccine

Doctor backs smallpox link

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

A young American soldier who died of Aids might not have developed the disease if he had not been vaccinated against smallpox, one of the doctors who treated him said yesterday.

The effect of the vaccine, known as *vaccinia*, on the soldier, who was already infected with the Aids virus, probably was to accelerate the progression of the disease, Dr Craig Wright said.

As a result of the medical team's findings, the vaccination of military recruits against smallpox is now banned if tests show they have traces of Aids infection.

"This young man was just 19 years old and otherwise fit and healthy. Two weeks after being vaccinated he developed an opportunistic infection commonly seen in Aids patients, and went on to develop full-blown Aids". Dr Wright said.

"Young men like this just don't get Aids unless another factor is involved. They may become infected with the virus, but we don't look for the disease at such a young age unless something has set it off".

Dr Wright said that the case, which occurred in 1984, lent some weight to the possibility of similar outcomes among Africans, already infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, who were vaccinated during the World Health Organization's anti-smallpox campaign in the 1970s.

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Dr Wright is one of a group of doctors at the Walter Reed Army Medical Centre in Washington who published details of the case in the *New England Journal of Medicine* two months ago.

"This case illustrates that primary smallpox immunization of persons with sub-clinical HIV disease poses a risk to vaccine-induced disease, and that multiple immunizations may accelerate the progression of HIV disease", their paper said.

"In addition, the case raises concern about the ultimate safety of *vaccinia*-based vaccine in developing countries where HIV infection is increasing."

Smallpox was eradicated in 1980 as a result of the WHO immunization programme, but immunization has continued in the United States military services because of possible exposure to the disease through biological weapons.

The use of *vaccinia* in the production of potential vaccines against Aids is being considered by a number of researchers, but has been ruled out by some because they consider it could have adverse effects.

The WHO has dismissed suggestions that some cases of Aids in Africa may have been triggered by smallpox immunization, but Dr Wright

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Railways agree on Eurotunnel fees

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

The £4.7 billion Channel Tunnel project took an important step forward yesterday with the announcement that agreement had finally been reached over the fees the British and French railways will pay Eurotunnel for using the planned fixed link.

The deal follows weeks of tense and often deadlocked negotiations in which Eurotunnel sought to improve the terms agreed last September with British Rail and SNCF, the French state railway.

Under the agreement, the railways will be entitled to use half the tunnel's capacity and will pay a minimum monthly charge based on agreed forecasts of passenger and freight traffic.

Mr Alastair Morton, the British co-chairman of Eurotunnel, said the Anglo-French consortium had gained "a much more certain basis for the project" with an agreement which was commercial and could be operated fairly.

Sir Robert Reid, the chairman of British Rail, said both sides had made concessions. "This agreement is the equivalent in railway terms to giving a green signal to the Channel Tunnel project."

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BP wins share battle

BP has won the battle to take over the 45 per cent of shares it does not already own in its US subsidiary, Standard Oil of Ohio. This creates a springboard from which a future Conservative Government could launch a new privatization progamme (David Young writes).

The success of the bid confirms the insatiable appetite of the world stock exchanges for BP shares. The Government now holds 32 per cent of BP Details; page 23

Sultan's missing Contra millions tracked down

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Congressional investigators have tracked down the missing $10 million (£6 million) donated by the Sultan of Brunei to help the Nicaraguan Contras. It was mistakenly sent to the wrong bank account in Switzerland, and promptly withdrawn by the account holder, as yet unnamed, who found himself suddenly enriched.

Announcing the find at the start of yesterday's hearings on the Iran-Contra scandal, Senator Daniel Inouye, the Democratic committee chairman, said the Sultan had authorized the State Department and the committee's senior accountant to find the contribution he made in August 1986, but which then vanished.

Senator Inouye said Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, the former National Security Council aide, may have given the wrong account number to Mr Elliott Abrams, the Assistant Secretary of State, who solicited the money; or there may have been a mix-up in transmitting the funds.

Meanwhile President Reagan denied yesterday that he had solicited aid from other countries for the Contras, and said he knew nothing about a group of Iranians who were said to have been given a midnight guided tour of the White House.

Major-General Richard Secord, the former Air Force officer at the centre of the supply of arms to Iran and to the Contras, said on television on Monday that Colonel North secretly conducted three Iranian officials around the White House last September as part of his effort to revive the arms-for-hostages deal which had collapsed the previous May.

President Reagan was not in the White House at the time. General Secord said Mr Reagan was briefed on the results of the meeting. Mr Reagan, asked about this bizarre revelation, said yesterday he knew nothing about it. He also denied the statement on Monday by Mr Robert McFarlane, the former National Security Adviser, who said that Saudi Arabia had agreed to pay $1 million a month to the Contras and had doubled the payments after Mr Reagan met King Fahd in February 1985.

Mr McFarlane said the President expressed "gratitude and satisfaction, not surprise," when told of the Saudi decision. Mr Reagan said yesterday he would not comment until the hearings were over.

Mr McFarlane said on Monday that Colonel North had told him the diversion of funds to the Contras had been approved from above.

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Mauritians face deportation

Ten Mauritians, held in custody since being strip-searched for drugs at Heathrow Airport a month ago, face deportation under immigration rules, even though they never sought entry to Britain.

The High Court ruled yesterday that, although no drugs were found, the 10 must be deportated to Mauritius with red marks on their passports, which could hamper future travel. They are considering an appeal.

Lesson in queueing

A teacher's eagerness to buy Rolls Royce shares landed him in trouble with his governers after he delegated a pupil to deliver his applications.

Lisa Smith, who attends Fitzalan High School, Cardiff, was picked up in a teacher's car and dropped off outside a bank where she waited for an hour to deliver applications for the teacher.

Lisa's father, Mr Gordon Smith, demanded an inquiry after he heard what had happened and was told that the teacher had been reprimanded.

Flights to China

Air travel between Britain and China is about to increase, opening up a new industrial and tourist market, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday on his return from an official visit to the Far East.

"There is a tremendous desire to conduct foreign business",he said.

The Chinese want new air service agreements with Britain and Hong Kong which could increase flights to Peking and Shanghai and lead to direct flights later, he said.

D-notice radio ban

The D-Notice Committee at the Ministry of Defence advised the BBC to drop a radio programme about national servicemen taking Russian language courses because of fears that British intelligence agents could be identified.

The request was made after the BBC contacted the Ministry of Defence. while the programme was being prepared.

Yesterday the Ministry of Defence denied that the BBC had been threatened with prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

Union's gay call

The largest Civil Service union has called for legislation to ensure that lesbians and homosexuals are not discriminated against in Whitehall.

The decision was carried overwhelmingly by delegates to the Civil and Public Services Association conference in Blackpool yesterday.

● The anticipated bottleneck of lorries at Dover docks failed to materialize yesterday as the strike of Customs staff handling export documents entered its second day.

Wartime base will ease airports' load

RAF Manston, the Second World War fighter base near Ramsgate, Kent, is to be developed at a cost of £10 million to ease the congestion at London's main airports.

The Seabourne Group, which specializes in freight movements, has agreed a 125-year lease with the Ministry of Defence. The airfield, to be known as Kent International Airport, will be capable of handling 500,000 passengers a year within the next two years.

City pay lures Oxford graduates from industry

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Oxford graduates are turning their backs on industry and going into the City for double the salary, according to a report published yesterday by the university appointments committee.

It says the proportion of graduates going into industry fell last year to the lowest ever recorded. Of the 2,750 men and women who left Oxford last summer, only 220, or less than 10 per cent, went into industry.

At the same time, the proportion of graduates embarking on a commercial career rose to the highest recorded, at 19 per cent.

The biggest switch was by men who graduated in the sciences. Three years ago, 25 per cent chose industry; last year the proportion fell to 14 per cent. In the same period, the proportion going into business and the City doubled to 23 per cent.

Starting salaries in those two areas are 50 per cent above those offered by reputable industrial companies, the report says. After 18 months to two years they are likely to be 100 per cent higher than the industrial baseline.

Even leading firms of chartered accountants and solicitors, which have traditionally paid less because of the training they provide, are now offering higher starting salaries than industry, the report adds. After two or three years, the gap is even wider.

It says the present generation of students sometimes comes under attack for basing choices on "unduly materialistic factors".

The report continues: "This is perhaps not altogether fair.

"Quite apart from the declared government preference that market forces should prevail, banks and firms of management consultants pay high salaries because complex decisions, on which large sums of money depend, have to be taken against tight deadlines".

The report also notes that share dealers in the City are banned from lunchtime drinking, encouraged to eat breakfast and lunch at their computer terminals and expected to keep in touch with the market by telephone on their way to and from work.

Union denies left-wingers finance for the election

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Left-wing Labour candidates in the general election have been barred from receiving any financial help from the EETPU, the right-wing electricians union.

Candidates such as Mr Tony Benn, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Eric Heffer, Miss Joan Maynard and Ms Clare Short will be denied any union funds.

Mr Eric Hammond, the electricians' leader, and his executive have decided that only "good, decent, moderate" Labour candidates will get a share of the £200,000 the union will distribute to help election campaigns.

Mr Hammond and his colleagues took their decision after receiving a report from their political committee. The committee had received a constituency by constituency assessment and the EETPU relied on its 12 local advisory committees for advice. Activists had studied the speeches and written material of prospective candidates over a period of months.

Mr Hammond decided to be "selective" over the distribution of money available from members and the union's political fund. As well as excluding left-wing candidates, Mr Hammond is to ensure that none of his members' money goes to candidates he and his officials regard as a lost cause.

The union has denied that there is a "blacklist" of Labour candidates, but the 40 or so members of Labour's left-wing Campaign Group are excluded from the list of those who can expect money.

Candidates approved by the union will receive the money direct, or it will be paid to their constituency office.

Mr Ira Walters, EETPU research officer, said the union would not be supporting people known to oppose its views, or who had attacked it in the past.

"Decent" sitting MPs and "good moderate candidates" would be financially supported. But the EETPU would not be spending its money on people like Mr Ken Livingstone who regularly attacked the union, its leadership and its members, Mr Walters said.

The union intends to give support to about 250 Labour candidates. The amounts range from £2,000 for each of five candidates the union is sponsoring, to a minimum of £75.

The EETPU said that its policy of providing money for only about 250 of the 650 Labour candidates who will contest the election, does not mean that it considers 400 of them to be "blacklisted".

Most unions have decided on the amount they will put up to support Labour during the election campaign. Some will make lump sum donations to the party's central fund for it to be spent as required.

The Labour Party is relying on trade unions for more than 90 per cent of the cash it needs

Mr Ernest Saunders and his daughter Joanna leaving for Bow Street magistrates' court in London yesterday where two friends, Mr Herbert Heinzel (top left) and Mr "Tiny" Rowland (bottom left) agreed to provide sureties of £250,000 each. (Photograph: Denzil McNeelance)

Saunders gets £500,000 bail

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Mr Saunders later read out a statement to the press from his solicitors' offices — the first time that he has appeared before the press since his dismissal.

"Those who are responsible for my current situation will be exposed" he said.

"I am incensed at the allegations of dishonesty and wrongdoing made against me and make clear that all such charges are strenuously denied and will be vigorously contested.

"I have not had any interest in the alleged improper payments to others nor any knowledge of, or part in, any unlawful share support operations, as I am confident will emerge when all the true facts are known".

He was also highly critical of the Fraud Squad, declaring himself "astonished at the timing, manner and fact" of his arrest.

He said that he had spent a "considerable amount of time this year co-operating with the Department of Trade and Industry inspectors" who are investigating Guinness. There was a break in his attendance, he added, because he and his wife fell ill, but his solicitors had kept the department fully informed.

"My wife is still in Switzerland and most unwell. I returned against strong medical advice on Monday of last week to continue the meetings with the inspectors — and found myself arrested and my passport confiscated".

Mr Saunders was remanded on bail to appear at Bow Street magistrates court on July 7.

● A spokesman for the Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday that the Government is not concerned by Mr Rowland's decision to stand surety for Mr Saunders.

Alliance borrowing would rise by £4bn

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

SDP/Liberal Alliance spokesmen gave a preview yesterday of their election manifesto by presenting a "careful costing" of their spending plans.

The Alliance plans to increase public borrowing by £4 billion a year for five years to reduce unemployment. But it says that the extra borrowing is "achievable without runaway inflation" because the scale is historically modest and low by comparison with overseas governments.

It would impose an incomes strategy to hold back wage inflation and would join the European Monetary System. The extra £4 billion a year in borrowing, the Alliance says, amounts to no more than 0.8 per cent of GDP.

The prospectus includes the following proposals:

Taxation: a 25 per cent reduction in employers' National Insurance contributions and a £500 tax allowance for the acquisition of shares for those with incomes below £9,000 a year. Higher rate mortgage tax relief would be withdrawn.

Employment: Plans to create 730,000 extra jobs within three years to ensure that everyone unemployed for more than a year can be offered a job or a training place.

Social security: Basic pensions to be increased by £2.30 a week for single people and £3.65 for couples; an additional benefit of £3.70 (£5.75) for pensioners with no other income; child benefit to be increased by £1 per week for each child in the first year and a further £1 in the second year.

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Scuffles with police at burial of IRA gunman

Scuffles broke out between police and mourners at the funeral of one of the Provisional IRA gunmen killed in an SAS ambush at Loughgall, Co Armagh. One man was arrested.

Provisional Sinn Fein claimed there had also been scuffles between mourners and RUC officers manning roadblocks leading to Benburb in Co Tyrone where Gerard O'Callaghan, aged 29, a Provisional IRA quartermaster, was buried.

At the joint funeral of two other men, Seamus Donnelly, aged 21, and Declan Arthurs also 21, in Galbally, Co Tyrone, Mr Arthurs' coffin was carried for a time by a Provisional IRA guard of honour.

● American-owned companies in Northern Ireland may be forced to employ more Catholics as more American States subscribe to the MacBride Principles, promoted in America by the Irish National Caucus (INA) and designed to improve the employment prospects of "minority" communities.

Bar opposes jury trials plan

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government wants to abolish the right to trial by jury for civil cases in Northern Ireland despite strong opposition from barristers.

A wide range of civil cases are tried by jury in Northern Ireland, in contrast to England and Wales where jury trials for civil actions were effectively abolished in 1965.

There has been increasing concern from employers' organizations, such as the Confederation of British Industry and the insurance industry, at the high sums of damages awarded by juries. The sums, they say, are higher than would be awarded by a judge and have increased insurance premiums and adversely affected employment.

The Government also wants to cut costs and litigation delays in the province, and to bring it into line with the rest of the United Kingdom.

But the Northern Ireland Bar says that the proposals mean that trial by jury in Northern Ireland "will effectively cease to exist". Trial by jury, it points out, is already not available for many criminal trials because of the Diplock courts.

The regulations, which are not supported by the opposition parties, could come into force on August 1 if the Conservatives win the election. The Northern Ireland Bar says the changes would not necessarily lead to lower insurance premiums and would "have little if any effect on the level of awards'.

It says there is "considerable public support for the retention of the civil jury system" in Northern Ireland.

Ferry chief denies discord among staff

A director of Townsend Thoresen Ferries yesterday denied that there had been friction between the shore management and the masters

Further evidence was being taken from Mr Anthony Young, port operations director of Townsend Car Ferries, on the eleventh day of the inquiry into the Zeebrugge disaster.

It was also disclosed at the inquiry that only in the past three weeks have masters of Townsend Thoresen cross-Channel ferries been told how much freight they are carrying

Rabbis protest at Holocaust claims

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Leaders of Britain's Reform and Liberal Jewish community have reacted angrily to the claim by the Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, leader of the Orthodox community, that the Nazi Holocaust was a divine punishment for the policy of assimilation and emancipation.

One leading rabbi yesterday said he was "aghast" and another that if he was blaming Reform Judaism for the Holocaust it was "offensive and indeed horrifying". Sir Immanuel was accused of "debasing the currency of the Holocaust".

In a letter to *The Times* today. Rabbi Sidney Brichto, chairman of the Rabbinic Conference of the Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues, described the Chief Rabbi's arguments as "totally unacceptable theology".

Sir Immanuel, writing in *The Times* on Saturday, said a Jewish idol or "god" which had taken terrible punishment was the absolute faith in pre-Nazi Germany that full equality for the Jews would be achieved by giving up all that made Jews distinctive.

"This idol of individual assimilation . . .exploded in the very country in which it was invented, to be eventually melted down and incinerated in the crematoria of Auschitz", he wrote.

Rabbi Hugo Gryn, of West London Synagogue, who is a survivor of Auschwitz, said the claim that Reform Judaism was instrumental in bringing on the Holocaust was to "debase the currency of the Holocaust".

Rabbi Charles Wallach, chairman of the Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis, said yesterday: "I am aghast at this. I am very sad that he has gone into print in such a sweeping way".

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£30m saving study in NHS

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

The Government is about to launch a study into the cost effectiveness of clinical support services in the National Health Service.

The move, a new phase in the NHS cost improvement programme, could save £30 million a year. It is bound to be opposed by the Labour Party which will accuse the Government of cutting patient services.

A programme to to put services such as pathology and radiology out to tender is understood to have been ruled out temporarily because it was seen as politically damaging.

The Manpower Planning Advisory Group, a body made up of representatives from the Department of Health and Social Security and the NHS. will look at how pathology services, which account for £400 million of the health service budget, can be provided more efficiently.

It will assess the cost advantages of setting up larger pathology departments to serve several hospitals. Pathology services cover a variety of laboratory services such as blood testing, the screening of cervical smears, microbiology and immunology, including tests for the Aids virus.

The study will also look at whether levels of service can be sustained with more flexible staffing and different grades of staff. Pilot studies will be set up in London, Liverpool, Shrewsbury, Truro, Northumberland and Gloucestershire. Results are expected by the end of the year.

The advisory group is about to start talks with the royal colleges and the joint consultative committee to define the functions of pathology services.

Some officials are believed to favour putting those services out to tender but the advisory group has specifically excluded that from its remit. The move would have been criticized by the Labour Party as an attempt to privatize the NHS.

But members of the NHS management board predict that savings made from ancillary and administrative areas will tail off during the next five years, with clinical services, which account for 63 per cent of the budget, now needing to be tackled.

Sunday racing ban could go

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Horse-racing on Sundays could be legalized within the next Parliament after the Government's promise to give full backing to a private member's Bill.

The change in the betting laws will clear the way for the racing authorities to designate 12 racing Sundays with three meetings on each day and the eventual prospect of the Derby being run on one of them.

Lord Wyatt, chairman of the Tote, said yesterday that he was prepared to bring in a private member's Bill after a debate in the Lords during which Lord Caithness, Minister of State at the Home Office, promised the Government's support.

The Bill will amend the 1963 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act to lift the ban on betting on horses on Sundays.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is on record as saying that Sunday racing would "add to the success of the sport and the cheerfulness of Sunday".

But the Government has fought shy of embroiling itself in another attempt to liberalize the laws relating to Sunday after the debacle over the Sunday trading Bill.

Lord Wyatt, a member of the Jockey Club's working party on Sunday racing, predicted that the bishops would try to thwart his campaign, as they did the move on Sunday trading, but he said there was also a large contingent of keen racegoers in the Lords.

He said: "The House of Lords seems the best place to start because we have religious interest and if we can get it through here it stands a better chance of getting through the Commons. If it was the other way around the Bill could be blocked in the Lords."

Supporters of the idea recognize that the holding of Sunday meetings without legalizing the opening of betting shops will only lead to illegal gambling.

The Jockey Club's research disclosed that 36 per cent of regular punters were prepared to bet illegally on a Sunday if the law was not changed.

Lord Wyatt said: "Far from scorning this harmless fun the churches should praise it as an extension of the liberty of the spirit and individual will".

The Labour Party is divided on the issue but Mr Denis Howell, a former minister for sport, is believed to be keen.

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Eye witness tells how helicopter plunged into sea

The sole eye-witness to the Chinook helicopter crash off Shetland last November, in which 45 men died, yesterday gave a graphic account of how he saw the aircraft plunge into the sea.

Mr Andrew Maxwell-Brahms, aged 23, was a maintenance engineer at Sumburgh airport on Shetland on the day of the crash, November 6 last year. He was working on top of a radio station which gave a good view of the sea.

He told the inquiry: "I just looked over my shoulder and at first I didn't know what I saw – it was a fair distance away.

"I thought it was a parachute, it just kept changing shape. All the time it was falling very fast. At first it was horizontal, then vertical and it was twisting from side to side.

"It was then that I realised what it was. The rotor blades spun off to my right and as they did so the downward speed of the helicopter increased dramatically.

"It hit the water with a huge splash followed a couple of seconds later by the rotor blades, which were still spinning."

Mr Peter Weller, air traffic controller at Sumburgh, said that one minute before the crash he had been contacted by the Chinook pilot and had given him the go-ahead to land.

After dealing with other air traffic, Mr Weller looked for the Chinook but could see nothing. He said: "It took me a moment or two to realise what had happened; because I could see absolutely nothing.

"In any accident you would expect to see something but there was nothing, and that was very unusual." The Chinook did not give out a distress call.

Moments before the crash a helicopter with the search and rescue units based at the airport had taken off on a routine training flight, piloted by Mr Gordon Mitchell.

Ahead of him he could see an oil slick and a small amount of debris in the water, but did not believe it was connected with the helicopter.

He said: "There was so little wreckage that we could hardly believe that those were the remains of such a huge helicopter."

They saw Captain Pushp Vaid, the Chinook pilot, clinging to a piece of wreckage and then noticed Mr Eric Morrans, a passenger, holding on to a life raft.

They were the only two of the 47 people on board to survive the crash. Mr Mitchell said that although they could see bodies bobbing just below the surface of the water there were no signs of life.

Earlier Group Captain Anthony Balfour, of the RAF Institute of Pathology and Tropical Medicine said he carried out post mortem examinations on 32 of the dead and examined reports from 12 other examinations.

All had died of multiple injuries sustained from impact with parts of the aircraft as it hit the water.

After he had given evidence, Group Captain Balfour confirmed that more passengers may have survived the crash if they had been sitting in rear-facing seats.

On Monday the inquiry heard how a catastrophic failure of the forward rotor gearbox sent the helicopter into a complete loop before it crashed nose first into the sea.

The helicopter's voice recorder tape, which was recovered from the sea, showed exchanges between air traffic control and the crew were routine until 23 seconds before impact.

Then, at 11.29 minutes 58 seconds, the co-pilot, Mr Neville Nixon is heard to say: "Seems to have got very noisy in here all of a sudden."

Captain Pushp Vaid replies: "Yes, it's in the cabin, just behind this bloody box."

Mr Michael Walton, cabin attendant, entered the cockpit and said: "Yeah, there's definitely something. I don't know what it is."

Then, three seconds before disaster struck, Mr Nixon said: "Quite a lot of roaring." At 11.30 minutes 21 seconds, the sounds of the aircraft breaking up were recorded.

The inquiry continues.

Barely 30 seconds before the helicopter crashed, the voice recorder shows the following conversation in the cockpit

❛ Seems to have got very noisy in here all of a sudden ❜

❛ Yeah, there's definitely something, I don't know what ❜

The last record is the sound of the helicopter breaking up.

Children learn to say it with a flower

Mark Bridgwater, aged seven, and Louisa Powell, aged eight, who both have speech impediments, admiring the Great Expectations rose, a new variety produced for the centenary of the charity Invalid Children's Aid Nationwide. It was presented to them yesterday by Monica Dickens, Charles Dickens's great granddaughter (Photograph: John Rogers).

Judge jails rapist 'until you are old'

By Craig Seton

A man sexually attacked a woman aged 75, trussed her up, turned on a gas fire and an electric cooker and left her for dead.

She survived because firemen were called after smoke from a burning pan was seen.

Stephen Brooks, aged 35, married with three children, of Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, was jailed for life at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday.

He had pleaded guilty to rape, attempted murder, aggravated burglary and serious sexual assault.

Brooks, an unemployed carpet fitter, broke into the woman's café in Bletchley last September to steal money.

Mr Justice Drake said: "Your conduct in committing these offences is as evil and horrible as anything that ever comes before these courts. Although I cannot make a minimum recommendation I have the right and power to make a suggestion that you should serve far longer than the average life sentence and that you should be an old man and infirm before you are permitted to have your liberty

The judge said he had no doubt that when Brooks left his victim he thought she would die in order to save his "miserable skin".

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Police test high-tech notebook

By Peter Evans

An electronic notebook for police officers is being developed by Dr John Hulbert, a chief superintendent in the Devon and Conrwall police.

The project, which won a top award of £25,000 yesterday from Mr Douglas Hogg, Under Secretary of State at the Home Office, will be tested on burglaries in the Exmouth sub-division.

Officers searching for clues will find a series of questions and prompts on the screen on such subjects as the means of entry.

The information in the electronic notebook can be put into a computer, allowing comparison with other crimes, making detection easier.

The electronic notebook is being used in St Petersburg, Florida, where Dr Hulbert went to see it.

The other top award of £25,000 went towards linking the knowledge of police and architects via Nottingham University so that anti-crime buildings can be designed.

Mother sent love letters to man on Kimberley charges

By Michael Horsnell

Mrs Pauline Carlile yesterday admitted writing 190 "love" letters while she was in prison during the past year to the man charged with murdering her daughter, Kimberley.

On the sixth day of the trial at the Central Criminal Court, Mrs Carlile, aged 27, said they were affectionate letters to the man whom she alleges was solely responsible for the little girl's battering.

She also admitted she had promised to marry Mr Nigel Hall, aged 24.

But under further questioning she said she wrote the letters because she was afraid Mr Hall would claim she had taken part in the battering of the child whereas she wanted the truth to emerge.

Kimberley, aged four, died from a blow to her temple at the family's council flat on the Ferrier estate, Kidbrooke, south-east London, on June 8 last year.

Mrs Carlile agreed that she did nothing effective to save her emaciated daughter who was covered in bruises and cigarette burns when she died.

Mr Hall, a self-employed dishwasher repairer, denies murdering Kimberley and both deny further charges of grievous bodily harm, wounding, assault and cruelty.

Mrs Carlile, the mother of four other children, was cleared on the direction of Mr Justice Steyn earlier this week of killing her daughter.

Questioned by Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, she said that shortly before her death Kimberley was enfeebled and scarcely more than skin and bone. She agreed that the girl had spent the last three months of her life indoors, mostly in her tiny bedroom where she received the meals she always refused to eat.

Mrs Carlile said: "I know I should have done a lot of things now but I just couldn't do it".

She had put herself before her child and took no action effectively to save her. She had hoped that the beatings would stop once Kimberley went to school in September 1986.

"Nigel kept promising he would stop hitting her. She was due to go to school in September and I thought that was when it would stop. It was one thing Nigel could not put off. If she had not gone to school the social services would have been round to see why and then it would come out what had been happening. I thought she would still be alive in September."

Mrs Carlile denied ever withholding food from her daughter but agreed that when Kimberley raided the fridge in the kitchen at night she had shouted at her, smacked her and sent her back to bed rather than take pleasure that she should be eating at last.

Mr Hall told the court he had never punched or kicked Kimberley but had once smacked her bottom with a belt and frequently did so with his open hand because she refused to eat, constantly fouled herself and had tantrums.

He said she injured herself when she threw herself around during her tantrums.

Mr Hall denies ever preventing social workers from seeing her or stopping Mrs Carlile from seeking medical help for Kimberley.

The trial continues today.

Marines 'hit with a mallet'

A Royal Marines instructor hit teenage recruits on the head with a huge mallet as a penalty for refusing to drink a pint of urine, a court martial was told yesterday.

Sergeant John Clooney, aged 29, celebrated the end of a training exercise with 35 young marines from Prince Edward's former base at Lympstone, Devon, by drinking 20 gallons of scrumpy, putting on a cabaret show and holding a drinking contest known as a "boat race" at the end of the evening, it was alleged.

The court was told that the recruits urinated into plastic mugs before taking turns to drink the contents as quickly as possible.

If they refused Sgt Clooney ran up from behind and hit them on the back of the head with a 3ft wooden marquee mallet, it was alleged.

Two marines, Michael Flanagan, aged 17, and Mark Williams, aged 17, suffered the "forfeit" and fell to the ground.

Both said in court that they drank cider, that their instructor sergeant was "playing around" and that they were acting.

But Mr Flanagan was found still to have bruises when inspected by a doctor seven days later.

Sgt Clooney, from Exmouth, Devon, denied two charges of assault and allowing young marines to drink alcohol while on exercise on Woodbury Common last November.

Captain Russell Lloyd, for the prosecution, said that the marines on the three-day exercise were all either recovering from injuries or had applied to be discharged from the service.

One of them, Mr Graham Blair, aged 17, who has now left the marines, said that on the final evening of the exercise the non-commissioned officers, who included Sgt Clooney, supplied cider and they celebrated by putting on a "sod's opera" of sketches for entertainment.

He said: "It ended up with people drinking urine. Sgt Clooney was standing behind them with a mallet. If they did not drink they would get it. One person in the troop was hesitant about it, while he was dithering the sergeant hit him on the head with the mallet. He took a run up first and then hit him".

But Mr Flanagan, who admitted being hit by Sgt Clooney, said it was all horseplay and the mugs were filled with cider.

The case continues today.

Fighting fund

Trouble at the duty-frees

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

More than 130 members of the travel industry have joined producers of wines, spirits, tobacco and perfumes to set up a fighting fund to combat threats to end the sale of duty free goods in the EEC.

Delegates to a conference called by the Association of Suppliers to Airlines, Airports and Shipping, were told that firm proposals had been made to outlaw the sale of tobacco at duty free shops within two years and that sales of alcohol could be banned later.

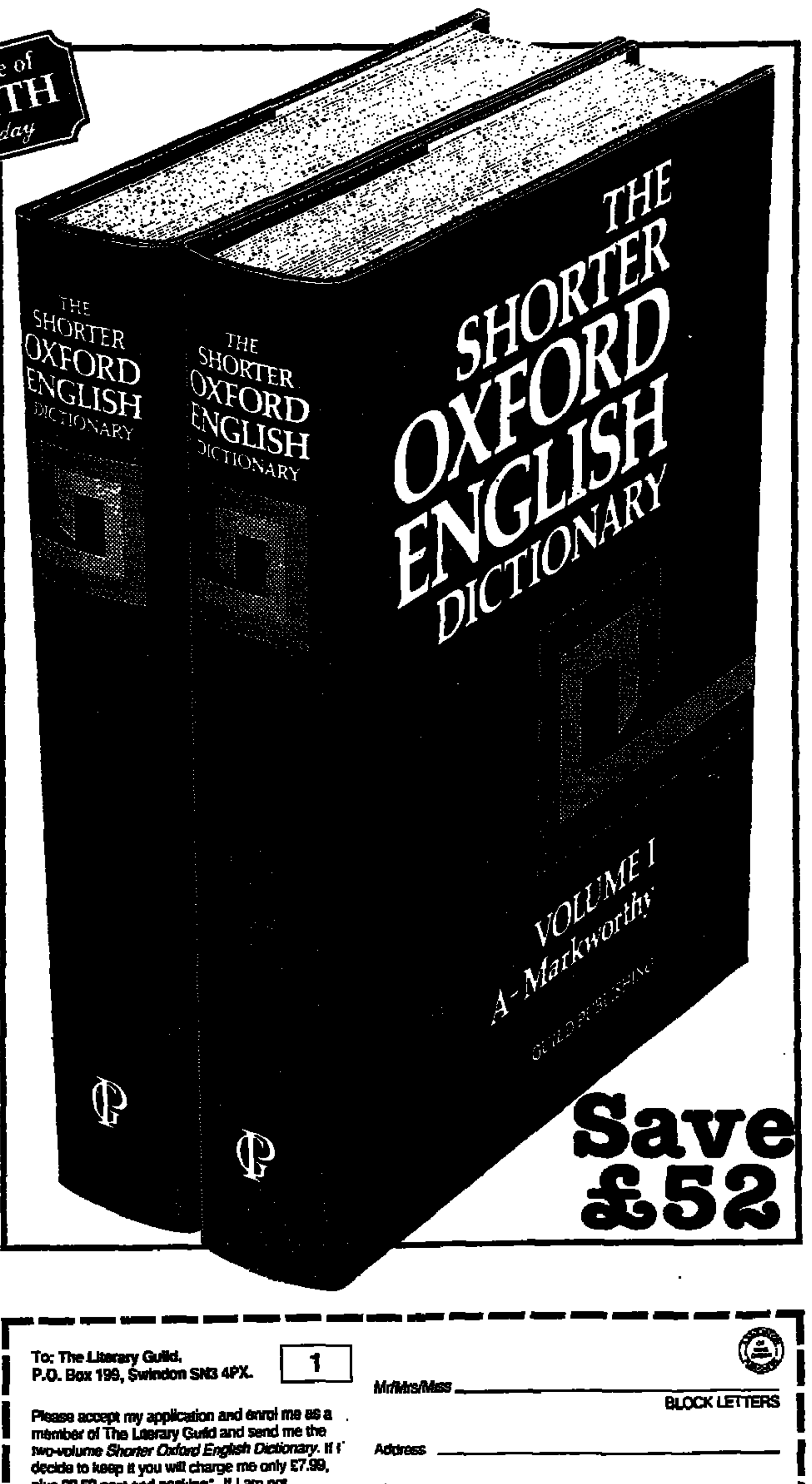
They responded by forming the "Fight for Duty Free Campaign" which will be funded by airlines, car ferry companies, general shipping, airports, duty free concessionaires, the travel trade and manufacturers of traditional duty free goods.

Mr Ian Ferguson, secretary of the suppliers association, said yesterday: "We are now evaluating just how much we will require to get our message across that all forms of duty free are under threat. There is a very strong anti-duty free feeling coming out of Brussels and there was an equally strong feeling at the meeting that we must combat it".

The European demands, fuelled by a fierce health lobby which is against the sale of duty free goods, particularly tobacco and alcohol, have been made in advance of a general move towards the abolition of all duties.

Officials believe there is a strong chance that the proposals will soon be made law.

But a survey published yesterday shows that 49 per cent of British adults are opposed to the proposals on tobacco.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Minister praises the job clubs

Job clubs were an effective means of helping the long-term unemployed back into work, Mr John Lee, Under-Secretary of State for Employment, said during Commons question time.

The average cost of running a job club was £23,000 a year and that was very good value, given the high success rate — 60 per cent of those leaving job clubs went into jobs and 13 per cent found places on the Community Programme, a training course or the Enterprise Allowance Scheme.

In order to build on that success, the number of job clubs had recently been increased to 1,000 and a further 300 would be open by September. That would enable about 175,000 people to enter job clubs this year.

● Asked in the Commons if he would expand the Job Release Scheme, Mr Lee said that it was an expensive scheme and would be expensive to extend, but all the schemes were kept under review.

Mr David Knox (Staffordshire, Moorlands, C) had asked for expansion of the scheme on the ground that not nearly enough people were in it. He felt that the scheme was one of the best to alleviate unemployment because it did not involve commitment when full employment returned.

Mr John Evans, Opposition spokesman on employment, said that the Tories had cut the scheme when it should have been expanded and improved.

Mr Lee said that the Job Release Scheme enabled older workers to retire early with an allowance on condition that their employers agreed and replaced them with unemployed people. He said that at the end of March 24,000 people were supported under the scheme.

Clerk decides to retire

Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, who has been Clerk of the House for the past four years, is to retire on September 1, his sixty-fifth birthday. In a letter to the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, which the Speaker read to MPs, he said that he had served the House for 40 years, 15 of them at the Table. Sir Kenneth expressed his thanks for the courtesy and kindness he had received from MPs and officials during the 12 parliaments in which he had served the House.

Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House, said that the whole House would have heard the announcement with regret. Later there would be an opportunity for MPs to express more fully their appreciation of Sir Kenneth and he suggested that they defer their comments until then.

Limit raised for expenses

The cash limit on election expenses was raised by 4 per cent when the Representation of the People (Variation of Limits of Candidates' Election Expenses) Order, 1987, was approved late on Monday.

Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State, Home Office, said that the increase took account of the rise in inflation since the limits were last adjusted in March 1986. As an example, it would mean that a constituency with a present limit of £5,460 would have it increased to £5,650.

The Order also applied to ward elections in the City of London and there would be a 5.6 per cent increase in election expenses for Ilea and the election of liverymen in Common Hall, although he confessed that he did not know who the latter were.

Greeks may be sued

The European Commission, at the request of the British Department of Trade, is considering possible proceedings in the European Court on discriminatory value-added-tax rates applied to United Kingdom spirits exported to Greece, having pursued the matter with the Greek authorities, Mr Alan Clark, Minister for Trade, said in a written reply.

Films move is refused

The Government has refused to intervene in the redundancies declared at Pinewood film studios, or to review the operation of the Films Act as a consequence, Mr John Butcher, Under-Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said in a written reply. The Government regretted the redundancies, but it would not be appropriate to intervene in a commercial decision.

Abortion out to tender

Brent Health Authority has put its abortion service out to tender, with operations undertaken on an agency basis by a nursing home, the Minister for Health, Mr Antony Newton, disclosed in a Commons reply.

Parking fines

The Government car service incurred £3,134 in parking fines last year for a total of 279 offences, Mr Christopher Chope, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, said in a written reply. Drivers at the Scottish Office were by far the worst offenders, with 166 cases.

Thatcher refuses Kinnock demand for a debate

PRIME MINISTER

Mrs Thatcher flatly refused an invitation from Mr Neil Kinnock to debate issues with him "face to face" during the election campaign. She told him that she would not give him the platform that he was seeking.

Mr George Robertson (Hamilton, Lab) opened a noisy session of Prime Minister's questions by asking Mrs Thatcher to reflect on the fact that Parliament could have run until June 1988.

"Is there not something arrogant and impertinent about a leader of a party who brazenly talks about a fourth term when she has been panicked into an election a year early?"

Mrs Thatcher: I note that he fears to face the electorate.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) asked if Mrs Thatcher would consider the claim made in Moscow by Mr Denis Healey, chief Opposition spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs, that the Soviet leaders were praying for a Labour victory.

If true, that would be the best possible advertisment for the strong and consistent policy on defence of the Government.

Mrs Thatcher: Yes. No doubt a Labour government which would unilaterally give up the nuclear deterrent would be the answer to the Kremlin's prayers.

I do not think very much praying goes on in the Kremlin (laughter). I think they are realistic to realize that, after the election, they will probably have to deal with a Conservative government which believes in standing up for Britain's defences.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition: In the general election, will she debate with me face to face on television?

Mrs Thatcher: Such debate generates more hot air than light (Labour protests and Conservative cheers).

Labour MPs: Frit!

Mr Dale Campbell-Savours (Workington, Lab): Madame Frit.

Mr Kinnock: She says she is proud of her record. Why will she not debate it face to face with me?

Mrs Thatcher: He wants a platform. I shall not give him one. I shall put across my record (uproar).

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill): It is very very unseemly (cheers).

Mrs Thatcher: All past prime ministers have recommended their policies to the electorate. I have done so twice and hope to do so again.

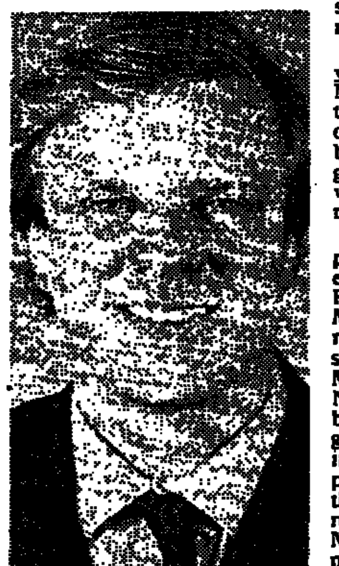
Mr Robert Jackson (Wantage, C): What does she think would be the implications for public sector workers of income policies on the line of the Opposition parties?

Mrs Thatcher: The Opposition, the last time it was in government, introduced incomes policies. They are not part of our policy. They will always fail and usually affect particularly those in the public sector. The last time they had a devastating effect particularly on the pay of nurses.

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party: Does she recall the number of other countries' leaders who in recent years proclaimed themselves leaders for life. Since she has. . .

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C): She has more life in her than you.

Mr Steel: Since she has said that she is going for the end of the century, is that what the Leader of the House (Mr John Biffen) had in mind when he warned against the arrogance which goes with power? Does she agree with him, or are his days numbered as well?



Mr Edward Leigh: Question of Kremlin prayers.

Mrs Thatcher: I have just asked for a dissolution so that we may submit ourselves to the electorate.

Mr Paul Marland (West Gloucestershire, C): Gloucestershire County Council, now under Alliance domination, have £4 million balance in the education account, but, rather than spend it on books or schools, the Alliance have decided to plunder it and to spend it on road improvements in the Cheltenham area. It is despicable that an Alliance council should plunder the education budget for motorists at the expense of children.

Mrs Thatcher: I note what he says, but, like me, I gather that he is not surprised.

Mr Robin Corbett (Birmingham, Erdington, Lab): Unemployment in my constituency is the twenty-eighth worst in the country. It has more than doubled to 24 per cent during her time. Is that part of the Government's claim to success?

Mrs Thatcher: Had we not pursued policies which have led to income restraint, competitive industry, larger and expanding sunrise industries and service sector unemployment would be infinitely worse. We have an efficient manufacturing industry, and excellent service industries (Opposition protests), and prospects for expansion.

Mr Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab): When she prepares her list of successes, which she will be parading round the country in the weeks ahead, what place will be occupied by the doubling of the unemployment figures, homelessness, the decline of the health service and a divided society, an impoverished society and a society in which crime is rising and in some cases crime and drug-ridden cities.

Is that the evidence of eight years of Tory government?

Mrs Thatcher: I shall be telling them of the economic strength of Britain, where people have been able to produce economic growth in the past seven years, which has generated far more resources in the health service.

I shall point out the negative *policies of the Opposition*, so effectively set out by Robert Kilroy-Silk, who described the *Militants* as the biggest deterrent to job creation in Merseyside.

Mr Tony Banks (Newham North West, Lab): Since she has been in office, two of the main growth industries within our inner-city areas have been child prostitution and street crime. Is that what she meant by the restoration of Victorian values?

Mrs Thatcher: This Government has tackled crime by increasing the number of police where his party has held the numbers. We remember Wapping.

Mr Richard Page (South West Hertfordshire, C): The figures from companies returned to the private sector show profits more than doubled. The money coming in dividends and corporation tax almost equal the amount which was coming in under state control.

Mrs Thatcher said that companies nationalized by the Labour Party had done much better since they were privatized. They have contributed by taxation to the health service and privatization had benefited the people who worked in them.

A report in *The Times* today referring to the National Freight Consortium had said that an original £1 stake for employees was now worth £46 and that about 6,000 employees had holdings worth more than £12,000, with a sizeable number approaching £100,000. That was an opportunity for employees which the Opposition would like to deny them.

Ulster Bill goes through

The Industrial Relations (Northern Ireland) Order, 1987, which replicates the provisions of the Employment Act, 1982, was approved in a late-night debate on Monday by 161 votes to 127 — Government majority, 34.

Mr Peter Viggers, Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that the Order would bring industrial relations legislation in Northern Ireland into line with that in Great Britain.

It was designed to prevent abuse of trade union power and protect the right of the individual worker. It would also restore the balance between the obligations of unions, management and the community.

Mr Peter Archer, chief Opposition spokesman on Northern Ireland, said one of the most controversial pieces of legislation relating to Northern Ireland was being rushed through in a late-night debate with indecent haste and insufficient time for proper debate.

Speaker regrets loss of prorogation

The Speaker (Mr Bernard Weatherill) told MPs that he would have preferred the ending of this Parliament to be marked with the traditional prorogation ceremony, but, unhappily, the decision was not in his hands. He also hoped that the suspension of the ceremony on this occasion would not create a precedent.

His views were expressed in response to points of order from MPs complaining that the absence of the prorogation procedure would deny them the opportunity to bid farewell to the Speaker and that that was especially regretted by those MPs not standing for re-election.

The matter was first raised by **Dr Mark Hughes** (City of Durham, Lab), who asked what opportunity those MPs not seeking re-election would have to bid their farewells to the Speaker, as had been the custom at the dissolution of previous parliaments.

The Speaker replied: I understand there is to be no dissolution ceremony and I hope to have a private opportunity of saying farewell to those members who are my friends on both sides of the House who will not have that formal opportunity to bid me farewell.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): I do not think you should worry too much about the fact that we are not going to have this funny little procession at the end of this Parliament. It would not be a bad idea if we got it into Erskine May (the parliamentary rule book) and then we would not have to repeat it in the future.

Mr Ronald Lewis (Carlisle, Lab) said that the Speaker's replies had been no consolation to the out-going MPs and the traditional procedure should be brought back.

The Speaker: Unhappily, and I share his concern about this, the decision is not mine. If it had been mine it would have been in accordance with what I think is the general feeling in the House and not the view expressed by Mr Skinner.

Poorest 'are paying for tax reductions of the richest'

FINANCE BILL

The Government's deliberate distortion of the tax system over the past eight years had resulted in those on or below average earnings paying for the tax cuts of the rich, *Dr Oonagh McDonald*, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said in the Commons during the report stage of the Finance Bill.

She was moving an amendment opposing the Government's proposed 2p cut in the standard rate of income tax which, she said, was like the pickpocket's attempt to divert the attention of his victim at the right moment. The amendment was rejected by 253 votes to 157 —government majority 96.

The Government's propaganda operation, she said, had been successful because, far from the presentation of the Budget which most people accepted, those on average earnings or below would find when they received the 2p reduction in their first pay packet after May 18, that there would be virtually no difference in the proportion of their income taken in income tax and national insurance contribution.

The tables showed that between 1978 and 1987-88, the proportion of income tax and national insurance taken from those on half the average male earnings, £113 a week, and those on three-quarters, £170 a week, had substantially increased, by 4 per cent or more.

"It is only as we move on towards the end of this Budget's tables and look at those on 700 per cent of average male earnings a week, that is £1,500, that we see that a married man with two children will find the share of his income taken in income tax and national insurance, which was 58 per cent in 1978-79, has now fallen to 48 per cent.

"In other words, a huge drop for those whose incomes are well above the average, whereas it is those on or below average incomes who are paying more as a proportion of their gross earnings in tax and national insurance contributions."

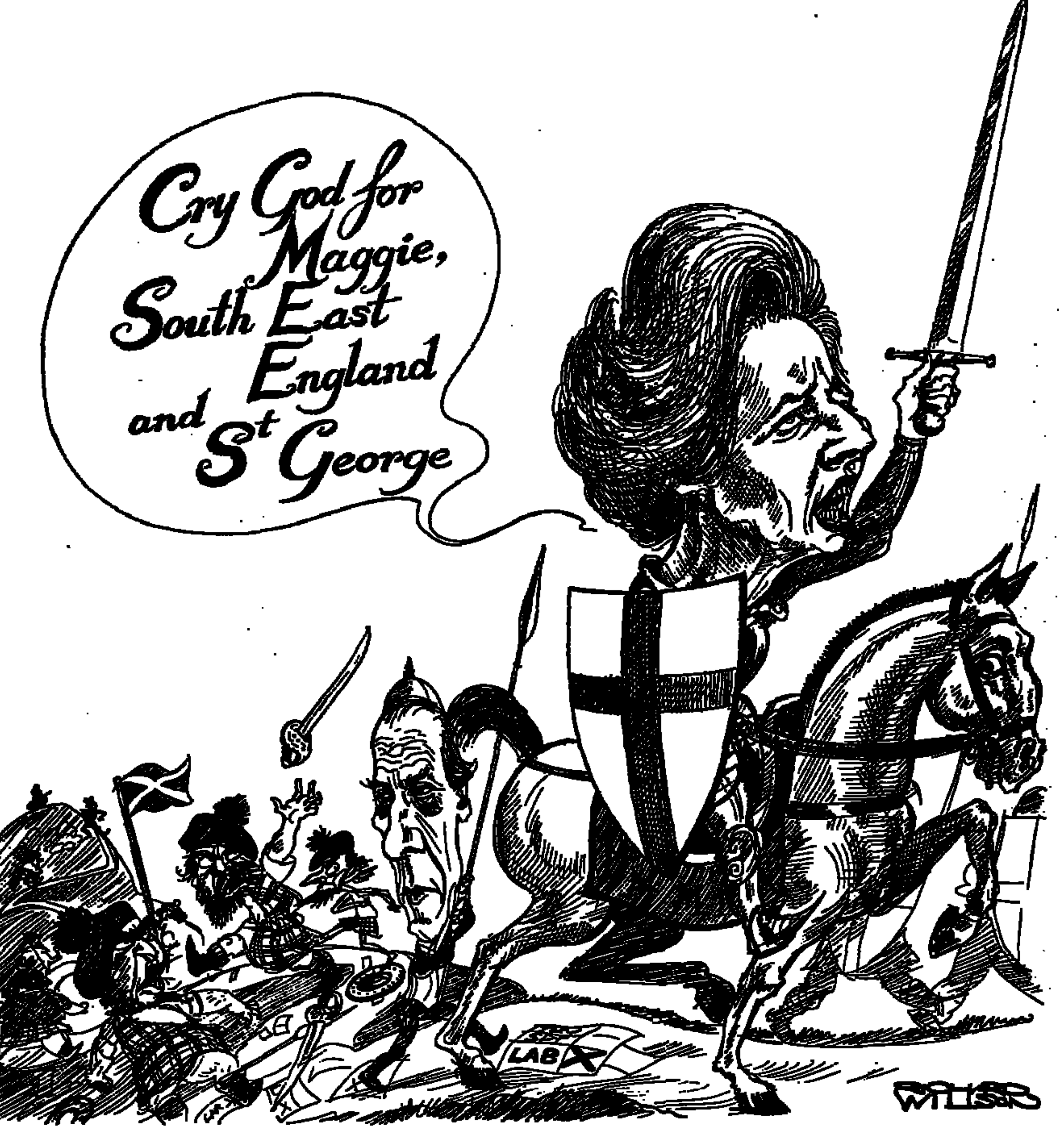
Even the changes proposed in the Finance Bill would make almost no difference to the proportion of income taken. For a married man on half average earnings, with two children, the changes in the Bill would mean that, instead of losing 16.7 per cent of his income in tax and national insurance, he would lose 16.6 per cent.

Abandoning this 2p reduction would enable a Labour government to fund its proposed increases in pensions by £8 a week for a maried pensioner and £5 a week for a single pensioner as well as ensuring a heating allowance of £5 a week during the winter.

"All of that would be far more beneficial to the majority of pensioners than 2p off the standard rate of income tax."

The poorest wage earners had seen only a 2.9 per cent increase in real terms in their earnings between 1979 and 1986, whereas in the same period the top wage earners had seen an increase of 21 per cent in their post-tax earnings.

"What we have seen is the direct tax burden on those below average incomes actually increase. We have also seen indirect taxation increase over the past eight years and those tax changes have hit the poor disproportionately."



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The campaign in Scotland

Opposition hopes high as the Tories face losses north of border

If the Conservatives start the election campaign as clear favourites to win south of the border, in Scotland — where their party conference opens tomorrow — they look the most vulnerable of all the parties in the contest.

The Government is in danger of losing seats to all its rivals north of the border, and could end up with barely one in eight of Scottish MPs in the next Parliament.

Conservative MPs are defending 12 of their seats with majorities of less than 10 per cent. In five seats the Alliance is the main challenger, in four the Labour Party is challenging and in three the Scottish Nationalist Party (SNP).

Opinion polls in Scotland have consistently shown Labour well ahead of the Conservatives. Already Labour holds 41 of Scotland's 72 parliamentary seats as against only 21 currently held by the Tories.

Labour has nine Tory seats which it hopes to win in June. Top of the list are Renfrew West and Inverclyde and Cunninghame North, which would both be vulnerable on a swing of less than 2.5 per cent.

The Scottish Labour Party, which has largely avoided the problems of Militant and far left infiltration, would also dearly like to oust Mr Roy Jenkins from Glasgow Hillhead and win the two seats at present held by the SNP, the Western Isles and Dundee East.

The SNP has a hit list of seven Tory seats predominantly in the rural north-east of Scotland. The most vulnerable are Banff and Buchan, and Moray, both areas held by the Nationalists in the mid 1970s and now with Tory majorities of less than 4 per cent.

The Alliance also has high hopes of knocking out the Tories in eight seats. Top Liberal hopes are North East Fife, where the party already runs the district council, and Edinburgh West, the most marginal seat in Scotland, where Lord James Douglas-Hamilton scraped home in 1983 with a majority of 498 (1.1 per cent).

The SDP has high hopes in two other Edinburgh seats, Edinburgh South and Edinburgh Pentlands, the constituency of Mr Malcolm Rifkind, the Secretary of State for Scotland.

The hopes of opposition parties in Scotland are based on the continuing decline of the Scottish economy, highlighted by the recent closure of the Caterpillar plant at Uddingston, near Glasgow.

Since 1979 Scotland has lost almost a third of its manufacturing jobs, a bigger proportion than Great Britain as a whole. So far it has failed to share in the rising employment experienced by most of the rest of the country in recent months. The prospect of a third successive Tory election victory largely won by votes cast in England has refuelled agitation for a Scottish parliament.

The Nationalists in particular will make much of the need to set up some kind of Scottish convention if, as they expect, Mrs Thatcher is elected again despite a large anti-Conservative vote in Scotland.

Labour and the Alliance will also be campaigning hard for a Scottish assembly but both put the revival of the economy and job prospects at the head of their list of priorities.

Alone among the main parties in Scotland, the Conservatives will oppose devolution, arguing that the issue has been largely dreamed up by the media and is not of great concern to most people.

In fact, a recent opinion poll showed that more than 80 per cent of Scots want either a Scottish assembly within the United Kingdom or total independence. But it also suggested that the whole subject of devolution will have very little effect on their voting intentions.

SDLP aim to oust Adams and Powell

By Richard Ford

The campaign in Northern Ireland will be dominated by the Anglo Irish Agreement but its focus will be on the fate of two very different MPs.

Mr Gerry Adams, the Provisional Sinn Fein MP for West Belfast, and Mr Enoch Powell, the official Unionist MP for South Down, both face battles for survival which have wide political consequences for the province.

The Social Democratic and Labour Party, the voice of constitutional nationalism, wants to oust them both and increase its representation at Westminster to four.

A defeat for Mr Adams would be a severe blow to the "armalite and ballot box" approach to politics of his party which received less than 2 per cent of the vote in the Irish Republic's general election.

To end Mr Powell's long parliamentary career would also be a considerable coup for the SDLP. It would remove a leading integrationist from the Offical Unionist's parliamentary representation as well as one of Mr James Molyneaux's closest advisers.

As the SDLP and Provisional Sinn Fein (PSF) battle for support among the nationalist community, the Official Unionist and Democratic Unionist leaderships want to set aside traditional rivalry and fight on a joint manifesto with neither party opposing sitting MPs.

Younger elements within Mr Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist Party have threatened to rebel and stand against official Unionist Party MPs whose majorities are small and who, they argue, have not been active enough against the Anglo Irish agreement.

The unionists will want to put something positive in their manifesto to ensure that there is no drop in support from those in the majority community who are unhappy with the negative practice they have used since the agreement was signed.

Supporters of the agreement will see any decline in the PSF vote as evidence that it is drawing support away from the political wing of the Provisional IRA.

Labour Falklands plans

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A timetable under which a Labour government would reopen discussions with Argentina over the Falkland Islands, leading to discussions on sovereignty in about three years' time, is disclosed today.

Plans drawn up by Mr George Foulkes, Labour's spokesman on Latin America and the South Atlantic, envisage a request by Labour, once in office, for an early meeting with the Argentine government on neutral territory at junior ministerial level.

It would be attended by a member of the Falkland Islands Council. Its aim would be the restoration of full diplomatic relations, the reinstitution of trading links, and an agreement on allowing relatives of the Argentine soldiers killed in 1982 to visit the islands.

The discussions would begin from the standpoint that Britain cannot afford indefinitely the "Fortress Falklands" policy being pursued by the present Government.

But Mr Foulkes, writing today in the journal *Co-operative News*, rules out simply handing over the islands.

A Labour government would explore other possibilities, including giving Argentina titular sovereignty while retaining British administration of the islands, a United Nations trusteeship , a lease-back arrangement or condominium status.

Mr Foulkes spells out for the first time how the detailed negotiations would take place.

After the initial talks there would be a meeting between senior Civil Servants to agree subjects for discussion.

Those would include fisheries conservation, transport links and access to Argentine markets for Falkland Islands produce.

Schools will be given freedom

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

The Government is planning to enable state schools to break away from local authority control.

The new proposal is one of the main features of the long education section in the Conservative election manifesto.

Parents and governing bodies of schools which are maintained by local education authorities will be free to apply to have them turned into voluntary schools, giving parents greater control over how a school is run.

At present, about one school in five has voluntary status. Most belong either to the Church of England or the Roman Catholic Church.

The governors of voluntary schools appoint teachers and are responsible for capital expenditure on buildings. Most importantly, the governors, subject to the approval of the Secretary of State, are responsible for the organization and conduct of the school.

The Government sees the extension of voluntary status to secular schools as a way of widening parental choice and raising standards.

Jobless figures challenged

The Labour Party yesterday put unemployment at the centre of the election battle by charging the Government with "fiddling the figures".

Mr John Prescott, the party's employment spokesman, claimed that the true unemployment figure was not 3,143,400 but 3,548,000, and that the Government's own Labour Force Survey showed the number of people available for work in Britain to be nearly 4.3 million.

Protest over 'cheese gifts'

British Labour members of the European Parliament yesterday accused the Conservatives of buying votes with surplus EEC cheese.

Mr Glyn Ford, Labour MEP for East Manchester, claimed local Conservative Party workers were handing out free cheese when canvassing for the election.

Howe calls off overseas trips

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday postponed two official visits to Europe this month because of the general election.

The Foreign Secretary's visits to Switzerland from May 14 - 16 and to Denmark from May 16 - 18 will be rescheduled for later this year.

Union rebuke from Clarke

Trade union reform will be a central theme of the Government's election campaign, Mr Kenneth Clarke, the Paymaster General, said yesterday.

Thatcher will field her team of winners again

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

As Britain's political leaders step out on the campaign trail next week, the people fulfilling the vital role of marketing their chosen images will be the teams they have chosen to share in their disappointments or triumphs.

They are the unsung backroom staff charged with ensuring that the show runs on time, that travelling groups of journalists are kept happy and, perhaps most important, that the morale of their bosses is kept up in difficult moments.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is loath, as her choice of the election date shows, to change a winning formula. That will be reflected in the familiar entourage which will accompany her on her coach – which will be equipped with a hi-tech mobile office – and aircraft to most parts of Britain.

Mr Denis Thatcher: 'A stoical campaigner'.

Miss Carol Thatcher, who will appear occasionally.

Mr John Whittingdale, who will back up research.

> ❛ Denis will again be with Mrs Thatcher constantly ❜

Husband Denis, who campaigns with considerable stoicism, enduring all manner of undignified stunts will, as usual, be with her constantly. Mark, their son, and Carol, their daughter, will appear at different times.

Mr Roger Boaden will once again be in charge of Mrs Thatcher's tour. It will be the sixth he has run for a Conservative leader, his third for Mrs Thatcher after three for Mr Edward Heath.

Mr Boaden has worked for Conservative Central Office since 1958. While planning the tour over the past few months he was also in charge of the Tory campaign for last week's local government elections.

> ❛ Political adviser provides a link with Heath years ❜

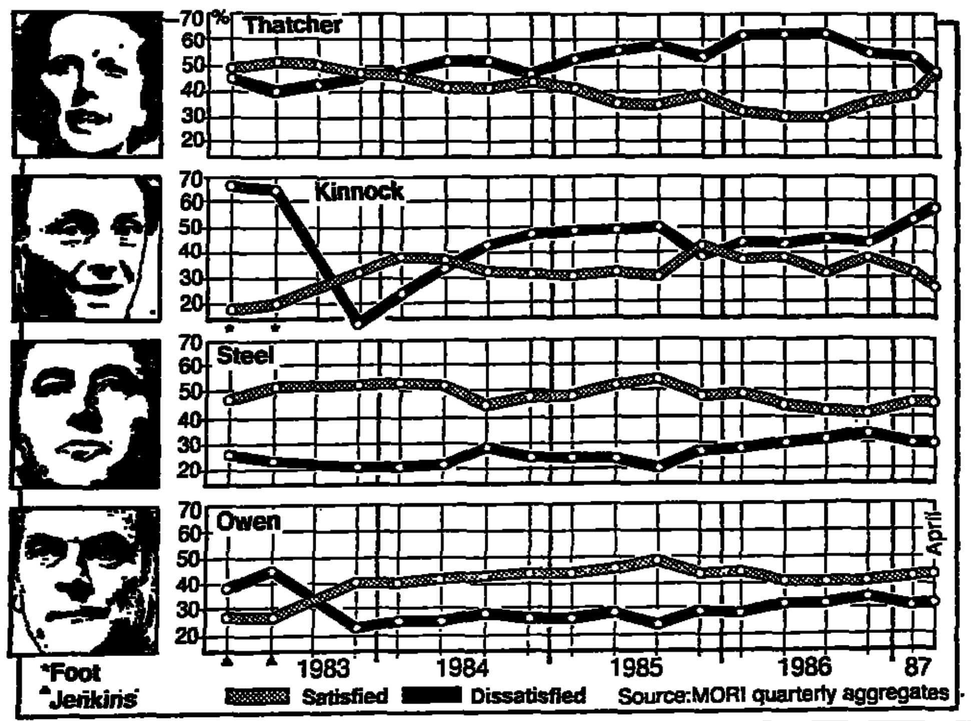
The Prime Minister's "resident" political adviser will be Mr Stephen Sherbourne, who provides another link with the Heath years.

Mr Sherbourne, who has been Mrs Thatcher's political secretary since 1983, headed Mr Heath's office in 1975-76, after moving up through the ranks of the Conservative research department. He will be the travelling speechwriter, helping Mrs Thatcher prepare responses to the events of the day as they unfold. The major set-piece speeches will be penned back at base.

Research back-up on the tour will be provided by Mr John Whittingdale, special adviser to Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

Miss Christine Wall will be in charge of relations with the large press contingent following Mrs Thatcher. She has just left the Civil Service to become the Conservative Party's assistant director of information after 12 years in the Government's information service and two years at the Downing Street press office, a role in which she has often travelled with the Prime Minister.

An array of telephones, photocopiers, electronic typewriters, a facsimile machine and a personal computer, manned by secretaries from Mrs Thatcher's political office, will be called into action as she conducts affairs of state as well as the election campaign from the British Leyland coach that will take her around the country.



Kinnock support team is named

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Experienced teams of campaign organizers, political advisers and media specialists will shadow the Labour and Alliance leaders throughout the four-week campaign.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour Party leader, will be on the road with key members of his private office.

Mr Charles Clarke, his chief of staff, will aim to ensure that the tour machine runs smoothly. The overall tour manager will be Mr Tom Burlinson, northern regional secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union.

Miss Patricia Hewitt, Mr Kinnock's chief press secretary, will handle relations with journalists, assisted by Miss Hilary Coffman and Mr Nigel Williamson, a former editor of *Tribune*.

Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Kinnock's parliamentary private secretary, will also be at his side.

Mr Kinnock will travel by aircraft and coach. He will not return to London every evening, preferring sometimes to begin his campaigning day in another city.

The nationwide tour planned for Mr David Steel, the Liberal Party leader, will be under the control of Lord Chitnis, an old friend and confidant. Also by Mr Steel's side will be Mr Graham Watson, his personal assistant, and Mr Michael Duncan, his research assistant.

Mr Steel and Dr David Owen, joint leaders of the Alliance, will return to London in the evenings, where they will attend meetings of their campaign committee, headed by Mr John Pardoe, the former MP, and Lord Harris of Greenwich.

Dr Owen will be accompanied on his tour by Mr Roger Carroll, a journalist and former head of communications at the SDP; Miss Sue Robertson, press officer; Mr Peter Luff, who is described as the "timekeeper"; and Miss Sandra Jantuah, who will have a secretarial and research role.

Tebbit's early planning has built a formidable electioneering machine

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Conservative Party machine enters the general election campaign with considerable advantages. On almost every count –money, manpower, expertise and experience – it is formidable, even though the opposition parties will be better organised than they were in the 1983 campaign.

The planning of the Conservative campaign began when Mr Norman Tebbit, in conjunction with Downing Street, decided to make the October party conference the focal point of an attempt to persuade the country that Mrs Margaret Thatcher had not run out of steam.

That task fell on Central Office's communications team – an ad hoc grouping of senior personnel responsible for all aspects of election planning.

Besides Mr Tebbit, it includes Mr Michael Dobbs, the chairman's chief of staff, Sir Christopher Lawson, director of special services (direct mail and new technology), Mr John Desborough, director of information, Mr Robin Harris, director of research, and Mr

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John Sharkey, deputy chairman of Saatchi and Saatchi. The result was the slogan "The Next Move Forward" and a conference of carefully coordinated ministerial speeches.

In January, after the Central Office-inspired campaign against the "loony left" had given a further boost to Tory fortunes, the party's "broad communications strategy" was in place.

Mr Lawson, a successful businessman who works unpaid for the party, has masterminded an expansion of the direct mail operation so that it now reaches around a million people every month.

Mr Harris, who has pushed through preparation of the *campaign guide which was* published yesterday, the 500-page candidates' bible that contrasts Government policy with that of the opposition parties, has a central role in priming ministers with a ready supply of political ammunition.

Saatchis have been working for months on poster and newspaper advertisements for the campaign, and Mike Russell Hills Associates have been putting together outlines for the five party political television broadcasts the Tories will screen over the next four weeks.

Mrs Thatcher, her political office headed by Mr Stephen Sherbourne, and her policy unit under Professor Brian Griffiths, will move the few hundred yards to Smith Square, although the Prime Minister will continue to spend the night at Downing Street and work from there some of the time.

If there is a chink in the Conservative armour, it appears to lie in the constituencies. In 1983, according to Mr Cecil Parkinson, the party had professional help from election agents in 550 of the 650 parliamentary seats. It had agents working in 99 of its 103 key seats and won 98 of them.

This time there are only 350 full-timers.

Tomorrow: Labour and Alliance campaigns

Key dates in the election

Tuesday, May 12. Labour Party *national executive and Shadow Cabinet meet to* finalize election manifesto.

Thursday, May 14. Unemployment figures published, expected to show further *drop to almost 3 million.*

Friday, May 15. Retail price index for April published;expected to show fall to close on 4 per cent. Mrs Margaret Thatcher opens Conservative election campaign speech to Scottish Conservative rally in Perth. Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley open Labour campaign at rally in Midlands.

Sunday, May 17. From this week onwards Budget tax cuts are reflected in pay packets.

Monday, May 18. Dissolution of Parliament.

Tuesday, May 19. Conservative manifesto published.

Wednesday, May 20. Conservative candidates conference.

Thursday, May 21. Last date for publication of notice of election in constituencies.

Friday, May 22. Last date for application for absent voting applications.

Wednesday, May 27. Last date for delivery of candidates' nomination papers.

Thursday, May 28. Publication of April trade figures.

Wednesday, June 3. Last date for application for proxy votes for medical emergency cases.

Mon - Wed, June 8 - 10. Economic summit in Venice. Mrs Thatcher expected to attend for one day.

Tuesday, June 9. Fourth anniversary of 1983 general election.

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Rains alleviate Somalia disaster

The first convoys of food aid are expected to arrive this week in drought-striken areas of central Somalia, amid signs that the current rains may break an 18-month cycle of drought which has decimated livestock and killed at least 600 people (Nicholas Beeston writes).

According to British aid workers recently returned from the region, this year's rainfall may avert a long-term catastrophe, but they emphasized that the month-long rainy season has arrived too late to save many nomadic herdsmen.

Although accurate figures of the numbers involved are not available, it is believed that between 400,000 and 750,000 people in Somalia and Ethiopia have been affected. Somali officials claim that 80 per cent of the livestock in 12 of Somalia's 18 regions have perished.

Jail terms upheld

Prague (Reuter) — A Prague court yesterday confirmed jail sentences on leaders of the independent Jazz Section cultural group as 150 supporters outside the courtroom chanted "Glasnost" and "Free the Section".

The judge at the city court rejected appeals by the five Jazz Section leaders, and by the prosecutor who sought more severe sentences than those imposed by a district court two months ago. The five had been convicted of illegal commercial activity.

Explosive interlude

A terrorist attack disrupted a concert by the London Festival Orchestra in Lima, Peru at the weekend, but there were no casualties (Our Foreign Staff writes).

"Shining Path" guerrillas blew up an electricity generator while the orchestra was performing in a nearby auditorium. The performance of Boccherini's *Devil's House* Symphony was halted when the packed hall was plunged into darkness, but was eventually completed by candlelight.

Mugabe blast claim

Harare — Mr Robert Mugabe, Zimbabwe's Prime Minister, yesterday said he blamed South Africa for a large bomb explosion in a central Harare apartment block on the basis of what he saw as "the law of probability" (Jan Raath writes).

At a press conference after touring the remains of the apartment, Mr Mugabe, when pressed for evidence of South Africa's hand in the blast, said that he had received "information" that more violence on frontline states was being planned by South Africa around the time of the whites-only elections there.

Nixon honoured

Paris (Reuter) — The Academy of Fine Arts has honoured former US President Nixon for his assistance to French culture, electing him as a foreign associate.

Mr Nixon, who introduced laws allowing tax deductions for US citizens making donations to French museums, will be installed as the academy's fifteenth foreign associate on May 20. Other associates include the Spanish artist Salvador Dali and the Italian film director Federico Fellini.

Kuwait bomb

Kuwait (Reuter) — Security forces mounted a manhunt yesterday after the sixth bomb blast this year in Kuwait killed a Yemeni office worker.

The explosion came several hours before the US Middle East envoy, Mr Richard Murphy, arrived from Iraq on the fifth leg of a tour to assure Gulf Arab leaders of continued American support. It ripped through offices of a travel company which is an agent for the US airline, TWA.

Acid rain plea rejected

Copenhagen — The Duke of Edinburgh declined at a press conference at the National Press Club here yesterday to intervene with the British Government to curb British air pollution which, environmentalists allege, causes acid rain damage to the forests of Scandinavia (Christopher Follett writes). Saying he had no control over the Government, the Duke, visiting Denmark as World Wildlife Fund president, added: "Nobody listens to me, anyway."

Shultz still encounters obstacles in way of agreement on missiles

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has met Soviet and West German officials in an attempt to resolve the remaining obstacles to a medium-range missile agreement in Europe.

But a statement yesterday from the chief Soviet arms negotiator suggests wide differences still exist on long-range intercontinental missiles and space defence.

Mr Shultz met Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, to discuss the deep split in his coalition Government on the latest Soviet offer to scrap all shorter, as well as medium-range, missiles in Europe. Herr Genscher supports the American desire to accept the offer, but Chancellor Helmut Kohl and his Christian Democrats have voiced fears that it would leave West Germany vulnerable.

Mr Shultz is eager to work out a unified Nato position. But after the talks, Herr Genscher said only that no conclusion had been reached.

Mr Shultz also met Mr Alexander Bessmertnykh, a Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, here on Monday. They discussed arms control and other issues in a follow-up to Mr Shultz's visit to Moscow last month.

Meanwhile in Rome yesterday Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the chief Soviet negotiator in Geneva, reaffirmed Moscow's insistence on linking deep cuts in long-range missiles to an agreement not to deploy weapons in space.

He said the US draft treaty limiting strategic weapons to a ceiling of 6,000 warheads on each side was incomplete, because it lacked the important element of a ban on space weapons.

He told a press conference that the Soviet Union would present its own draft version soon, which would contain a clause binding each side not to deploy weapons in space. Moscow was studying the US draft closely and would draw on what it considered useful elements.

Washington is strongly opposed to any limit on its Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) research programme.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, is holding talks with Nato defence ministers in Norway this week. He has just sent a Pentagon report to President Reagan urging that the US go ahead with four new SDI tests.

The report, not yet made public, said the US could save $3 billion (about £1.8 billion) by conducting the four tests instead of holding to the current schedule of tests permitted under the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) treaty. According to informed sources, the report said the tests would cut two years off the time needed to develop SDI.

Herr Genscher: backs US proposals on arms cuts.

Meanwhile, Mr Shultz has said that, even after an agreement abolishing medium-range weapons in Europe, Nato would still have a "robust deterrent", including 4,000 other US nuclear weapons and 300,000 troops in Europe and submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Replying in the current issue of *Time* magazine to warnings by former President Richard Nixon and Dr Henry Kissinger, his Secretary of State, that an intermediate forces (INF) agreement could lead to the denuclearization of Europe and decouple it from the US, Mr Shultz said the US would not accede to these Soviet objectives.

It was not necessary, however, to abandon the quest for nuclear arms cuts to defeat these Soviet aims. "If the Soviets meet our terms, we should not forgo the benefits of such an agreement." To insist now on linking an INF agreement with conventional reductions would be "tantamount to introducing a 'killer amendment'," Mr Shultz said.

● MOSCOW: In a preliminary reaction, the Soviet Union yesterday listed five objections to the US draft treaty on restricting strategic offensive nuclear weapons (Christopher Walker writes).

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, said the draft was still being studied in both Geneva and Moscow, but the Soviet side had already concluded that it did not fully match the tentative accords reached at last October's Reykjavik summit.

Manhunt after Belgian massacre

From Our Correspondent, Brussels

Armed police units launched a full-scale manhunt in Belgium yesterday for a killer who massacred seven people in the lonely farming community of Bogaarden, south of Brussels.

Three generations of one family were wiped out when the unknown gunman broke into a farmhouse, killing a 90-year-old man and his wife, aged 84. He also killed a middle-aged couple and one of their sons, aged 20.

The other son, who was 24, was seriously injured with a bullet in his stomach and another in his shoulder and was last night fighting for his life in a Brussels hospital.

The killer left the house, but seeing a woman and her three-year-old son outside a neighbouring farmhouse, killed them too. Police believe the assassin feared they might recognize him.

Police roadblocks were thrown up around the area, in an attempt to cordon it off before the killer escaped.

But about four hours later the same man attacked another farmhouse at Denderwindeke near Aalost, shooting and seriously injuring a middle-aged couple.

A spokesman said police units round the country had been put on the alert in the hunt for the killer, who was believed to be driving a green Opel car.

Last night police said they were working on "certain clues" which might help to identify the killer, although they dismissed any connection with the supermarket murders in Aalost in 1985, when masked gunmen mowed down shoppers in an apparently motiveless but well organized attack.

They did not know the motive for yesterday's farmhouse killings, but the spokesman said: "We think he's a bit of a lunatic."

As the manhunt continued, forensic scientists combed the farm for clues. The spokesman said police were waiting to interview the son who was injured.

Gestapo victim at Barbie trial

Mme Lise Lesèvre, aged 84, a Resistance member tortured and deported by the Gestapo in 1944, arriving with her lawyer, M Roland Dumas, a former French Foreign Minister, at the Lyons court where Klaus Barbie, who was the Nazi police chief in the city, is on trial.

Amnesty catalogues abuses of human rights in Iran

By Caroline Moorehead

Stoning to death, flogging, crucifixion and amputation by a specially devised electric guillotine are still systematically used to punish criminal and political prisoners in Iran, according to a report on the country by Amnesty International.

In its report issued today, Amnesty reveals that most trials are held in secret and last only a few minutes, even when the sentence is death. There is no right of appeal.

Amnesty has not been allowed into the country since 1979, when the Islamic Republic was set up and executions and "a pattern of cruelty and inhumanity" began on an unprecedented scale. However a wide range of sources, from news bulletins to official gazettes, as well as numerous testimonies from former prisoners and their relations, have made it possible to put together a detailed document pointing to widespread violation of basic human rights.

More than 6,400 sentences of physical punishment were passed in Tehran alone in a single year — March 1986-March 1987 — and nearly 1,100 of these were floggings imposed for sentences related to alcohol or sex. A forger can be sentenced to 74 lashes; an unmarried couple who kiss may receive up to 99 lashes.

No one knows precisely how many people have been executed in the past eight years. Executions, which are carried out by by hanging or firing squad, are carried out in secret. What is known, however, is that over 200 people, most of them Baha'is, have died because of their religion, and that children as young as 11 were executed in 1981 and 1982.

Stoning to death — a punishment which was used on at least eight occasions in 1986 — is deliberately designed to cause maximum and prolonged pain, and the stones are kept small "in case the person dies after being hit by one or two of them".

In its report, Amnesty says that many thousands of prisoners are being held in jails throughout Iran. Arrests of supporters of opposition movements, members of ethnic minorities, and Baha'i believers continue.

In 1986 Amnesty sent two memoranda to the Iranian Government, including recommendations about the improvement of human rights. There was no answer. Iran has ratified the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. *Iran: Violations of Human Rights. Amnesty International. 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R OEJ.*

● **WASHINGTON:** The US will give back to Iran some $450 million (£264 million) in frozen assets, as ordered by a special tribunal in The Hague, the State Department spokesman, Mr Charles Redman said yesterday

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Libya's humiliating retreat from Chad

The end of Gadaffi's desert dream

By Philip Jacobson

Somewhere in the rugged Tibesti mountains of northern Chad, the remnants of Colonel Gadaffi's army of invasion is preparing for the final and humiliating retreat that marks the end of a dream.

The curt announcement from Tripoli yesterday that it was pulling out of its last positions inside what was once trumpeted as an integral part of "Greater Libya" puts the seal on what Chad's ambassador to France exultantly pronounced to be a "devastating defeat".

In fact, the writing had been on the wall for Colonel Gadaffi since Chadian government troops overrun the Libyan base at Wadi Doum more than a month ago.

Soon after that crushing victory, French military experts flew to the battle front to view the latest treasure trove of captured Soviet weaponry.

One of the prize exhibits was a highly-advanced surface-to-air missile battery, code-named "Gopher", the sort of thing, observed one of the French team, that was more often seen rumbling past the reviewing stand on May Day in Moscow.

As they looked on, six of the white-robed and turbanned nomad fighters clambered on to it to pose for the photographers, rifles raised aloft in triumph.

> ❛ In 20 years time they will still be talking about this ❜

It was a telling image, capturing the essence of what has gone so disastrously wrong for Colonel Gadaffi in the hostile deserts of Chad since President Habré's army astonished even its devoted French advisers by vanquishing a far larger, lavishly equipped force in a classic campaign of manoeuvre, mobility and sheer daring.

Those sophisticated "Gophers", the squadrons of Soviet battle tanks, the MiG fighters, Hind helicopter gunships and Badger bombers: millions, possibily billions, worth of the best Soviet hardware that Libyan petrodollars could buy had proved next to useless against troops whose idea of a tactical assault was to drive flat out towards the enemy lines in Toyota pick-up trucks bristling with machine-guns and armour piercing missiles.

Countdown to war

August 1960: Chad gets independence from France.
April 1975: Military coup overthrows government, starting civil war.
April 1977: First Libyan troops reportedly enter Chad.
February 1978: Chad breaks diplomatic links with Gadaffi, requests French military aid.
June 1980: Libyans join battle against Habré forces in Ndjamena as civil war intensifies.
June 1982: Habré deposes Libyan-backed government.
December 1986: Chadian troops launch major offensive in north.
January 1987: Libyan base at Fada overrun, outpost at Zouar captured.
March 1987: Libyan stronghold at Wadi Doum taken, base at Faya-Largeau abandoned.
April 1987: Libyan planes bombing Wadi Doum.

To the French, largely responsible for arming and training President Habré's forces, the offensive that first started gathering momentum on New Year's Day bears comparison with the best in the manuals of war.

"A Trafalgar in the desert!" announced *Liberation*, the left wing newspaper. "In 20 years time they will still be talking about this in the army academies," declared *Le Nouvel Observateur*.

The truth is rather more prosaic, though no less creditable to President Habré's fighters. "Believe me, these guys have got what it takes to send Gadaffi running back home," a French paratroop officer insisted back in January some raw Chadian soldiers went through their paces with "Milan" anti-tank missiles, a "bargain basement" weapon costing around £20,000 which has proved every bit as deadly in this conflict as France's Exocet missiles in the Falklands.

Many new recruits were Toubos, Muslim tribesmen from the rugged Tibesti mountain region, he explained: "Tough as old boots, totally at home in the terrain. Also, if you will excuse me, they can't wait to go out and kill some Libyans."

General Jean Saulnier, the French Chief of Staff, was equally enthusiastic about the fighting qualities of the nomads, for the most part slim, fine-boned men with dark beards.

Visiting Ndjamena, the dusty little Chadian capital, after the decisive defeat of a strong Libyan garrison at the oasis of Fada, he spoke of the "truly exceptional" spirit that had vanquished a larger and better-armed force.

"Okay, perhaps they sometimes blaze away too much ammunition, after all, you don't need Milans to destroy a truck," General Saulnier acknowledged. "But who is going to blame troops for being so eager to close with the enemy?"

That first big battle at Fada, in fact, set a pattern which was to demoralize the Libyans increasingly. The Chadians' eagerness to get to grips with the foe clearly accounts for the exceptionally heavy Libyan casualties since the present wave of fighting began.

At Fada, 800 of the 1,500 defenders were killed: "As soon as we got into their lines, they were crushed, totally crushed," said General Hassan Djamous, commander of Chad's armed forces.

At Wadi Doum, some 1,200 of Colonel Gadaffi's men, almost half the garrison, died in a furious battle that lasted barely 90 minutes. This time, the Chadian attackers poured in through a minefield.

By some accounts, their own losses were closer to 200 than the 29 deaths officially reported (General Djamous was seriously wounded at the head of his troops) but the overwhelming victory seems to have cracked Libyan resistance for good.

"The only way to explain such carnage is wholesale panic, with troops being mown down as they fled," one Western military observer concluded. By then, Colonel Gadaffi had lost well over 3,000 front-line soldiers, representing more than one third of the invasion force.

Faced with such terrible casualties — all the more remarkable because troops dug into defensive lines generally inflict much higher damage than the attackers — it was no great suprise when the dispirited units in the heavily fortified base at Faya-Largeau, next in line for assault, began a headlong retreat to the north before a shot had been fired.

Though French diplomats in Ndjamena prefer not to acknowledge it, there is a supreme irony in the fact that President Habré should be the architect of Colonel Gadaffi's humiliation (more damaging, surely, to the Libyan leader's vanity and prestige than the most devastating attack by the West).

> ❛ The Nomads can't wait to go out and kill some Libyans ❜

Some of the paratroop officers now training the Chadian President's crack troops can remember very well when those qualities of audacity, endurance and ruthlessness that the generals from Paris now so admire were turned against the French, sometimes with bloody results.

During Mr Habré's apprenticeship in the turmoil of shifting allegiances and gang warfare that constitutes Chadian politics, he commanded a rebel army fighting against a French-backed government in the mid-1970s. Operating from the Tibesti mountains, the President's forces kidnapped a French woman archaeologist and held her for 33 months

At one point, Habré pocketed the equivalent of some £500,000 from French envoys, but reneged on his promise to release the captive.

Paradise lost

Peking (Reuter) — Six peasants from a "sacred sect" drowned themselves in a river in east China when a magic boat failed to arrive to take them to Paradise.

The Anhui Daily, an official newspaper, said a seventh was rescued by fishermen.

The group sang and danced at the river's edge, waiting for the magic boat. When it did not arrive, they walked into the water.

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Labour rule ends in Malta

Nationalists begin big clean-up

From Brian James, Valletta

Dr Eddie Fenech Adami was yesterday sworn in as the Prime Minister of Malta after successfully carrying his Nationalist Party (PN) to the narrowest of electoral victories to end 16 years of Labour rule on the island.

As he stood on the presidential palace balcony, the huge crowd below shouted "Eddie, Eddie", their backs turned to the tattered posters of the Libyan People's Cultural Centre – symbolic of the direction Malta is now certain to take.

After 53 hours' counting – and a change in the constitution to prevent a rerun of the 1981 electoral controversy in which the PN gained the most votes but Labour retained power for the next six years by gaining the most seats – Dr Fenech Adami's party was awarded two "bonus seats" to give it a one-seat majority with 34 seats.

The tiny victory margin of 50.91 per cent for the PN to 48.87 per cent for the Malta Labour Party, however, failed to defuse the street tension that brought Valletta to a noon standstill.

As the counts multiplied against Labour, threatening gangs filled the streets. Minor incidents of violence began. The party organization told them to go home and by midnight the streets were empty. In the small hours messengers were trying to summon the visiting press corps to rush to the counting hall to witness "a Labour coup by *force*".

With the PN still mounting taunting victory motorcades trouble may still erupt, but the *danger lessens.*

Dr Fenech Adami, a 53-year-old lawyer, took his one-sentence oath of office in the glorious Red Room of the 400-year-old palace, once the residence of the Grand Master of the Knights of St John whose armour still stands sentinel *in every corridor.*

He then went immediately to the Castille, where he sent Dr Lawrence Pullicino, the Police Commissioner, on open-ended sick leave and accepted the resignation of Mr Toni Pellecrine, the Broadcasting Commission chief. The cleansing of a hopelessly politicized police and Civil Service had been crucial promises of the Nationalist campaign.

Later he outlined other urgent matters his administration will tackle.

It will begin prosecutions for corruption, while launching a campaign for national reconciliation. It will allow the treaties for "military co-operation" with Libya to lapse, and instead seek security with "friendly Western democracies", such as Italy, even though any treaty would necessarily fail to comply with the constitutional ban on foreign *bases on the island. And* it will attempt rapprochement with the USA and apply for membership of the EEC.

Despite so ambitious a programme, most fluently expressed, *the consequences of* Malta's change of Government will, in reality, not be sweeping. Cynics insist that all it will mean domestically is that fresh ministers will now *be distributing as many fa*vours to a different few.

Nationalist Party supporters congratulating Dr Fenech Adami on his electoral victory.

Doctors in Spain intensify strike

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

As a section of Spanish doctors stepped up obedience to an indefinite strike call, the Health Ministry responded with a demand for a big increase in minimum services to patients. The strike has hit all non-emergency cases at an estimated quarter of the country's more than 420 state hospitals.

Señor Julián García Vargas, the Health Minister, has declined to re-negotiate a settlement with the strikers' organizations, maintaining they represent only a minority of doctors. The majority doctors' organization reached a deal with the Government favouring public sector hospitals.

The Socialist Government is trying to restructure the public health service created during the Franco years which benefited big city doctors, who joined the service while maintaining their private practices. About one-third of big city doctors have private practices but under the Socialists, they can no longer receive two salaries from the public sector. While the strikers claim salaries have dropped 25 per cent since 1982, government aides say they are demanding more *than the Health Minister* himself earns.

Enrile sees threat to peace after Aquino poll gains

From David Watts, Manila

Candidates of President Aquino's "People Power" coalition look likely to dominate *the new Philippines Senate.* Unofficial early returns from the national capital region, about 2.5 per cent of the vote, have Mrs Aquino's handpicked team taking all but two of the 24 Senate seats. Regional tallies may alter the picture as they trickle in from *the provinces*, but the early lead has clearly shaken the Opposition's confidence.

A mass press conference of the Grand Alliance for Democracy (GAD) led by the former Defence Minister, Mr Juan Ponce Enrile, accused the Government of massive *cheating* and gave a warning of "instability of unimaginable magnitude", declaring the elections a failure.

"There is no democracy where there are no free elections," the GAD said in a statement, "and we are not going to be a party to this *farce*. We reject the poll results being fabricated by the Aquino Administration, and we hold it responsible for the consequences of its actions."

Mr Enrile, who on current trends will not get into the Senate, said: "With what has happened the peace and stability that we were hoping for will not come to pass. My prognosis is that this event will trigger an unstable society and it will be the beginning of *an instability of unimaginable* magnitude."

Though a team of foreign election observers reported that they had not found a shred of evidence to support accusations of fraud, Mr Enrile has the potential to cause Mrs Aquino a good deal of trouble *if* final results put him outside the political process.

Official counting of the returns starts today and so far 65 people have died in electoral violence.

The chairman of the Commission on Elections, Mr *Ramon Felipe, said he had* received no official complaints from the Opposition.

Despite the bright prospects for Mrs Aquino in the Senate, the contest for the 200 seats in the House of Representatives is no less important, given that the lower house will control the budget and decree to what extent the newly elected Government will be as reformist as the President.

Already there is evidence of the Aquino vote being split in numerous areas where candidates backing her are running against each other and may allow an Opposition candidate through to victory.

Governor tells of Punjab 'anarchy'

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Surjit Singh Barnala woke yesterday morning to find himself out of a job. He had gone to bed early on Monday night as Chief Minister of Punjab and awoke to find President's Rule imposed and his administration dismissed.

He told a press conference that his dismissal was merely aimed at promoting the interests of the Congress (I) Party of Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, in elections in neighbouring Haryana state. *This view was* echoed in Parliament during a debate which began with an Opposition walkout and ended with approval for the imposition of direct rule.

The walkout followed the tabling of the presidential proclamation and the report of *the state governor* which, in theory at least, led to it. The Opposition objected to lack of consultation.

The report by the governor, Mr Sidhartha Shankar Ray, who now becomes the effective ruler of the state, paints a very different picture of conditions there than *existed* a *few* months ago at the start of the parliamentary session when President Zail Singh gave great praise to Mr Surjit Singh.

"At the time of the opening," Mr Ray's report said, "this situation, though fairly difficult, was under some control." But he added: "From about the middle of April 1987 there was not only a parallel authority working in the state by the fundamentalists and/or extremists in the temple and the *gurdwaras* (Sikh places of worship), as opposed to the Punjab Government secretariat at Chandigarh, but terror stalked the land and fear abided in almost every heart."

Mr Ray declared: "It is quite clear that the ruling party and its government have no political will to combat truly and seriously either the *fundamentalist movement or* the growing and unabated terrorism."

He painted a dreadful picture of normal *life in the state.* "There is total chaos and anarchy. Nothing is safe – whether travelling by public transport for work or pleasure, visiting temples or *gurdwaras* for worship, attending courts of law for securing justice, attending clinics or visiting patients for rendering medical assistance ... in fact, everywhere and in every sphere there is threat, intimidation, fear, and the present government stands helpless."

Yesterday Mr Ray's first acts as state ruler included the extension of the term of office of Mr Julio Ribeiro, the state's Director-General of Police, due to leave at the end of this month and subject to much *criticism for the enthusiasm* with which he pursued Sikh terrorism.

Bangladesh war of words

English language beats retreat before Bengali

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

Bangladesh has *declared* war on the English language, the lingering legacy of the British Raj. Since the linguistic fray began in March, painters have been working overtime erasing English from signboards and inserting Bengali words.

The scramble to change to Bengali has been made more urgent under a law passed by Parliament last month, which virtually banishes the language of the colonial days and imposes fines and imprisonment on anyone using English.

As the deadline for switching to Bengali passed yesterday, shop owners were seen draping white cloth over costly neon signs to *prevent* English words staring out illegally.

President Ershad: decreeing an end to Raj legacy.

"I couldn't get any painter to make a new *signboard*," said a worried proprietor of a fast-food outlet in central Dhaka. "Their order books were *already* filled up."

Bangladesh is proud that it has been able to preserve the purity of native Bengali, derived from the ancient Sanskrit, despite 200 years of British Raj and 25 years of Urdu-dominated Pakistani rule. "*The last stains of the* colonial era must be wiped clean," President Ershad said as he decreed the use of the native tongue.

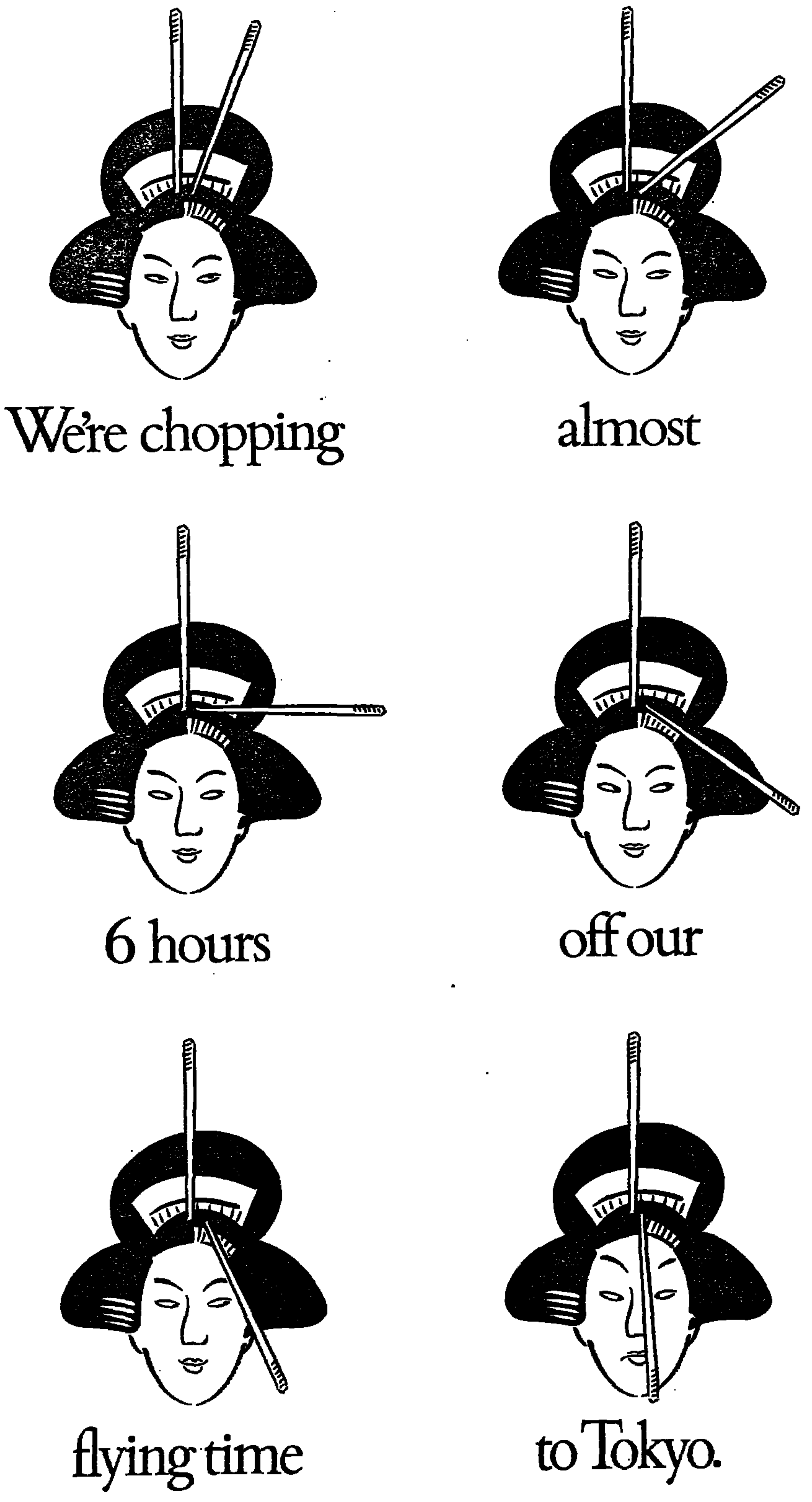
The decision to change over to Bengali sent most bureaucrats, used to English officialese, groping for appropriate Bengali words. The compulsions on them were severe: three officials were taken to task because they had written letters in English, courts refused to listen to arguments in English, and an over-zealous bank clerk dishonoured a cheque because of its language.

But the campaign against English is not going well with the educated elite. They think driving out the Western language will isolate the nation of 100 million people.

"Getting rid of English will cut off our links with the rest of the world," said Mr Zillur Rahman Siddiqui, a Cambridge-educated English professor, lamenting the anti-English drive in universities. The English *Daily News* newspaper wrote: "We cannot escape the fact that Bengali is spoken only in Bangladesh and in the neighbouring Indian state of West Bengal."

So far the debate seems to be confined to learned argument. Years ago, however, the language dispute led to the ritual stoning of English signboards, and in February Bengalis become *overt* language fanatics as they commemorated the death of four students killed in the 1952 language riots.

On the whole, the campaign is going well, with the Bengali vocabulary accepting many *English* words and the authorities not insisting on an end to private "tutorials".



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Civil war in El Salvador

US advisers stunned as guerrilla comeback sows nationwide havoc

From Christopher Thomas, San Salvador

The left-wing guerrillas of El Salvador have re-emerged from near-extinction, stretching the Army's enormous US-funded resources and proving that they can carry the war into the 1990s.

Their comeback has stunned the Salvadorean military and US advisers. They are again wreaking havoc in the countryside, particularly in the north and east, in a renewed drive to force the Government to negotiate.

In a change of tactics, they have broken into small units to avoid detection from US-supplied army helicopters. They are mounting regular hit-and-run raids and generally avoiding large-scale direct confrontations, though there have been three or four exceptions since the beginning of the year when they attacked the Army head-on.

The Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN), the umbrella group for five left-wing organizations, has kidnapped the mayors of four small towns this year, resurrecting a tactic abandoned in late 1985.

It has sharply increased the use of home-made land mines designed to maim, not kill, young soldiers. The bombs are strewn around rebel-dominated areas of the countryside, and every month about 100 soldiers are maimed, along with many civilians.

A rebel radio announcer coolly called the bombs "foot removers". He accused the Government of exaggerating the number of civilian casualties and warned that the use of mines would continue.

Human rights groups say the bombs, which are assembled by the thousands in workshops in rebel strongholds, are often used in ways that violate international law.

Government posters depict limbless children with the caption: "What about their human rights?"

With National Assembly elections scheduled for next March, the new campaign by the guerrillas is designed to reinforce their demand for a role in a power-sharing government. They are taking advantage of the worsening economy and widespread discontent in the aftermath of last October's earthquake, which left 300,000 homeless.

In the past few months the guerrillas have been methodically sabotaging electricity and transport systems and have expanded into areas where they have rarely operated, such as the western provinces. The US Embassy estimates their number at 6,000, half that of three or four years ago. On several occasions recently they have halted traffic for long periods on main roads in the countryside, to demonstrate their ability to move around without detection.

With seven years' experience of warfare behind it, the FMLN is widely regarded as one of the most professional guerrilla groups in the world. Even during two years of comparative inactivity, it managed to destroy 400 power pylons and damage 50 transformers and seven power sub-stations.

There is now routine rationing of electricity throughout El Salvador. A severe drought has added to power shortages because of the effect on hydro-electric plants. The rebels have announced a stepped-up campaign against electricity supply and distribution.

Only a few months ago, before 64 Salvadorean soldiers and an American adviser died in an attack by 700 guerrillas on the important El Paraiso military base 35 miles north of the capital, government officials and US spokesmen were predicting the imminent demise of the FMLN.

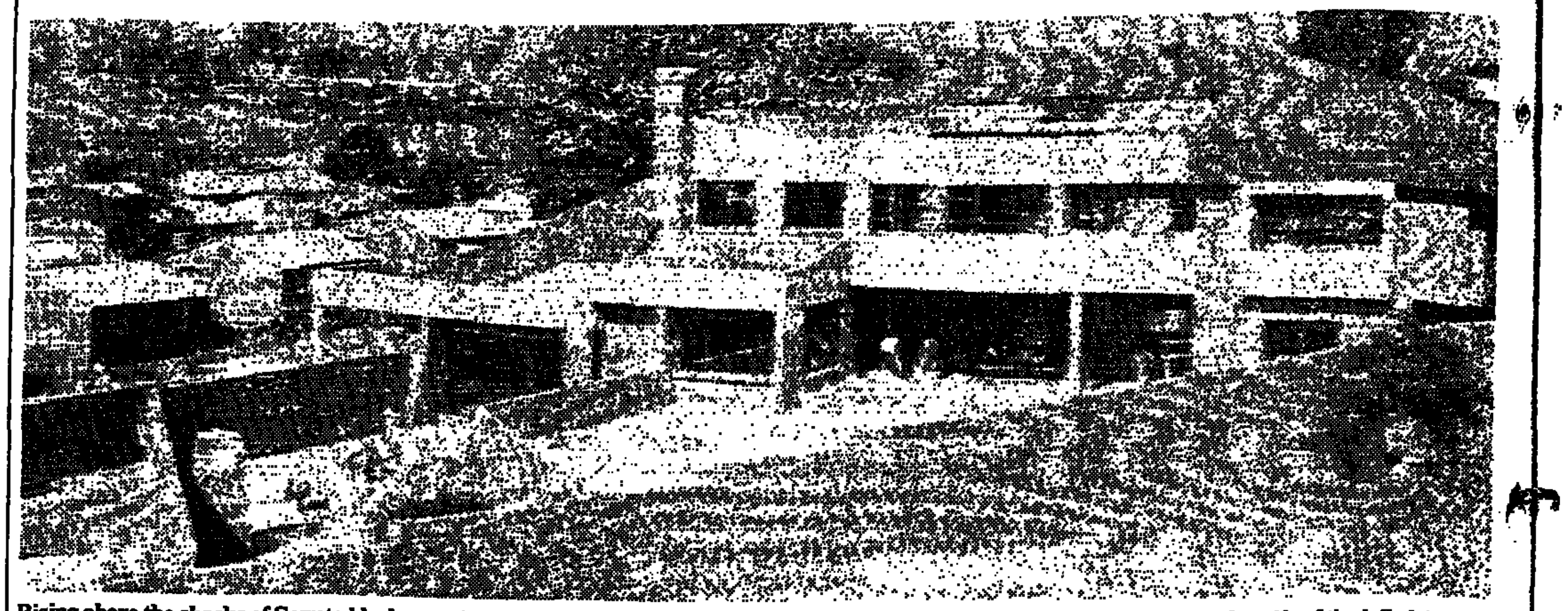
It is now known, however, that since January 1 there have been at least three other largely unpublicized attacks by the guerrillas on important military installations. The 57,000-strong Salvadorean Army has been mobilized nationwide, but the guerrillas remain elusive, particularly in the northern province of Chalatenango and in Morazán to the east.

It is clear that neither the Government nor the guerrillas are capable of a military victory. There is considerable unease in Washington that, despite military aid of $722 million (£435 million) since the war started, there is no sign of an end to the fighting. Many congressmen are pressing for the US emphasis to be switched from a military solution to a negotiated one.

The military High Command here is already worried by the signs of a changing mood in America.

> **There is unease in Washington that there is no sign of an end to the fighting**

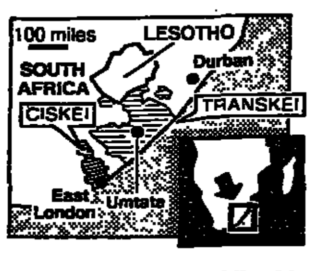
The Mandela home that has raised an outcry



Rising above the shacks of Soweto black township on the outskirts of Johannesburg is the new home of Mrs Winnie Mandela, the wife of the jailed African National Congress leader. Mrs Mandela says she paid for the house with royalties from her biography *Part of My Soul Went With Him* and with money from a trust fund set up by friends. She says South African press criticism of the house is the work of "enemies of the people attempting to divide blacks".

Family feud undermines stability in Transkei

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg



Transkei, the oldest and until recently the most stable of South Africa's nominally independent black tribal homelands, is threatened with civil war as the result of a feud within the ruling Matanzima family.

Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, the former President of Transkei, was this week banished by presidential decree from the homeland's capital of Umtata to his home village of Qamata, in the Bizana district.

He went quietly, but vowed he would continue a fight he began last week to take over the Government from his brother, Chief George Matanzima, Transkei's Prime Minister, whom he accuses of bribery and corruption and of being "under the control of a clique of leftists in his Cabinet who are communist-inspired".

Paramount Chief Matanzima led a walkout by about a third of the delegates at a congress of the ruling Transkei National Independence Party on May 5 and announced that he intended to form a new party, the Transkei National Party.

On Friday Chief George Matanzima struck back by rushing an amendment to the Transkei constitution through the homeland's National Assembly, making it illegal for a former President to become a member of Parliament. This was followed by the banishment order and the arrest of two associates, whom Paramount Chief Matanzima had appointed as leader and deputy leader of his new party.

Paramount Chief Kaiser Matanzima, who accepted "independence" for Transkei from Pretoria in 1976, retired as President of the homeland in 1985, making way for another paramount chief, Tutor Ndamase.

But he still sought to control Transkei's politics from behind the scenes, while his brother took advantage of his retirement to assert his own position as Prime Minister. Their quarrel first became public last year in a dispute over the procedure for nominating candidates for elections in the homeland.

For much of the past six months Transkei has been in conflict with its small neighbour, Ciskei. The two mini-states lie on the Eastern Cape coast, separated by a corridor of South African territory containing the port of East London. Both are populated by Xhosa-speaking blacks.

Ciskei, too, has been shaken by a brother's quarrel. In 1983 Life President Lennox Sebe had his half-brother, Major-General Charles Sebe, the chief of the homeland's security services, arrested and jailed on charges of plotting to seize power.

But last September a group of armed men from Transkei freed the imprisoned general, who now enjoys sanctuary in Transkei. In February a group of 25 heavily armed men, also from Transkei, attacked the residence of President Sebe in a failed attempt to kidnap him.

Last month saw ructions within Transkei when part of the Transkei Defence Force mutinied, forcing the resignation of General Zondwa Mtirara, its chief, and his replacement by General Bantu Holomisa, who had earlier been in jail, and the expulsion of 27 white former Rhodesian Selous Scouts, who had been acting as military advisers.

After this, Transkei and Ciskei were forced by Pretoria to sign a non-aggression pact, under which each of the three parties undertook not to allow their territories to be used for attacks against those of the other two.

Transkei, which has some three million people (compared to Ciskei's 925,000), has never accepted the legitimacy of Ciskei's separate "independence", granted in 1981.

Meanwhile, violence has flared up in the impoverished KwaNdebele tribal homeland after last week's decision by the local legislative assembly (of which only one in five members are elected) to reverse its resolution of last August not to accept independence.

London — Sir Patrick Moberly, aged 58, Britain's Ambassador to South Africa, is returning to London because of ill-health, the Foreign Office said yesterday (PA reports). He will be succeeded by Mr Robin Renwick, 49.

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Thai leadership crisis

Prem blamed for political unrest

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

The signatures of 39,594,842 Thais, who suggested in a national poll that King Bhumibol be given the title "the Great" to mark his 60th birthday, are being recorded in 12,000 books to be housed in a new building in Bangkok.

The bestowal of the title, given only twice before to earlier monarchs, on the hard-working King by General Prem Tinsulanonda, the Prime Minister, could not have been more popular.

It has done nothing, however, to restore the Prime Minister's own popularity, at its lowest since he came to office seven years ago. General Prem's personality and political style are being blamed in many quarters for the political confusion in the country and hindering government activities.

Observers talk of a leadership crisis and wonder if General Prem still has the royal family's whole-hearted support, needed by every government leader. The Army, whose support is also vital, appears to want him to stay on, but opinion polls reveal he has the support of only 11 per cent of the people.

This state of affairs embarrasses the Government and monarchy because not only will the Prime Minister preside over celebrations to mark the King's auspicious 60th birthday in December, but he will also preside over later ceremonies when the King becomes the longest-reigning Thai monarch.

King Bhumibol came to the throne almost 42 years ago in tragic circumstances which influenced national affairs for decades. His elder brother, King Ananta, who was 21, was found shot dead in bed in the Grand Palace. Investigations and court trials went on for years. Ultimately three alleged culprits, two of them royal pages, were executed.

Other suspects reportedly escaped, among them Mr Pridi Panomyong, then the Prime Minister and one of the founders of parliamentary democracy in Thailand.

Mr Panomyong never returned to Thailand and died in exile. His absence from the political scene meant that for many years progress towards full democracy was interrupted by military rule.

The present Prime Minister, a retired Commander-in-Chief of the Army, has led Thailand's longest civilian administration. He was not elected, however, but was appointed to office under the Constitution, an arrangement attacked as inappropriate in a democracy.

With demands growing for an elected Prime Minister, General Prem's status is a key factor in the leadership crisis. Another is his claim that a Prime Minister must always be above politics.

General Prem: fears he may have lost royal support.

Commenting on this view, Mr Kukrit Pramoj, another former Prime Minister, said: "Prem governs the country as if he's doing charity work". Meanwhile, the respected newspaper *Matichon* said: "Prem's untouchability has sent him into a twilight zone far from reality".

General Prem's refusal even to speak about recent disruptive events concerning Parliament and the Army has added to public dismay and fears of a new army coup have been aroused.

● **MOSCOW:** Thailand and the Soviet Union yesterday signed an agreement setting up a joint trade commission on the second day of an official visit to the Soviet Union by Mr Siddhi Sawetasila, the Thai Foreign Minister, dominated by talks on Cambodia (AFP reports).

Air crash findings rejected

Maputo (AP) — The Mozambique Government has rejected the findings of an international inquiry commission which investigated the air crash that killed President Samora Machel in October.

The Government did not describe the findings, which have not been released publicly, but its statement indicated that the commission had exonerated South Africa of any blame for the crash.

Mozambique contends that the Soviet-made Tupolev 134, en route from Lusaka, Zambia, to Maputo, was lured off course into South African territory by a navigational beacon.

The plane crashed into the hills just inside the South African border, killing Mr Machel and 34 others.

Coup amnesty

Banjul (Reuter) — President Dawda Jawara of The Gambia has granted amnesty to 24 people jailed for involvement in a 1981 abortive coup.

Extra orders

Moscow (Reuter) — Shops in the Gorky region east of Moscow are being forced to sell more alcohol, in defiance of the Kremlin's anti-drink drive, to pay their workers, *Pravda* said.

Gunman hunt

Varese, Italy (Reuter) — Police are hunting an estranged husband who killed his mother-in-law and grandparents with a shotgun and wounded his wife and three others at a family villa here.

Jail chief

Mbabane (Reuter) — The former Deputy Police Commissioner, Mr Edgar Hillary, sacked without explanation in 1984 and then detained without trial for more than a year, has been appointed Swaziland's Prisons Commissioner.

Aids worry

Tokyo (Reuter) — The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, has proposed that the Japanese tradition of sharing *sake* cups at parties be stopped to prevent the spread of Aids, his spokesman said.

Karmal is 'sent into Soviet exile'

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Mr Babrak Karmal, the former President of Afghanistan, was hustled off to an ignominious exile in the Soviet Union last week, according to Western diplomats reporting here.

His removal from the Afghan capital, where he was a constant source of possible intrigue against the present Afghan leader, Dr Najib, sparked demonstrations and may explain a series of bombs in Kabul, the diplomats said.

His departure to Moscow from Kabul was reported in the local media, although there were no newspaper photographs and no television coverage, despite the fact that Dr Najib was said to have seen him off.

The media reports said that he had gone to Moscow for rest and medical treatment. But Afghan sources said that his wife had accompanied him on the flight, increasing the likelihood that he was moving into permanent exile.

The way is now almost clear for Dr Najib to hold the much heralded 21st plenary meeting of his People's Democratic Party without fear of opposition from supporters of the former President. He still has to decide what to do with two such figures, Mr Mahmoud Baryalai, Mr Karmal's brother and an alternate member of the Politburo, and Dr Anahita Ratebzad, a full Politburo member and Mr Karmal's mistress.

The demonstrations sparked by the exiling of Mr Karmal took place outside the Interior Ministry, diplomats said. According to two separate Afghan sources, one student died when police opened fire to control the crowd.

Three bomb explosions were attributed by the diplomats' Afghan sources to pro-Karmal dissidents rather than to Mujahidin guerrillas, who have not been very active in Kabul recently.

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Swimming in the mainstream

When he swung the mace at the Labour benches he was dubbed Tarzan. At the Tory conference, where his adoring fans still see him as the next leader, he is called Golden Boy, or the Housewives' Choice. He resigned his Cabinet post in anger; where does he stand now? As the election campaign begins, Michael Heseltine talks exclusively to Bryan Appleyard

"I have less doubt today than I have ever had because I have been free from day-to-day responsibilities. I have been able to spend a lot of time looking back, wondering whether there were other ways of doing things. And, extrapolating things forward, it has given me greater confidence and certainty and conviction . . . there's no doubt about it at all."

Michael Heseltine leans back perilously in his swivel chair, speaking almost from beneath the frond of a massive Kentia palm. In the outer office his secretary is emptying his diary for the weeks of the election campaign.

For the golden-haired mace-swinger, now aged 54, this election campaign will be a complex balancing act. On the one hand there is his obvious and widely-supported ambitions for the Tory leadership. On the other there is the ancient imperative not to rock the old blue boat.

When he resigned from the Government over the Westland affair, Heseltine said he would fight loyally to get the Tories re-elected. So, over the next four weeks, he intends to take up invitations to speak in 50 to 60 constituencies. He will do so, his rigorously respectable official line says, merely as a back-bencher. He says he has had no hand in the Tory manifesto and he had no special information about the election date. On the question of whether he has been offered a job in any new administration, he is a little less forthright.

"I'm asked that question every day," he uncharacteristically mumbles. "Er . . . it's not a subject which I am prepared to discuss."

Heseltine himself is fond of describing the Conservative party as an "immensely sophisticated political force" and he knows well enough that crude ambition has to be precisely and politely contained. Asked if he wants to be leader, he always replies that there are 350 MPs who want to lead the party. Asked if he is in tune with current Tory orthodoxy, he will deliver a complete package of views which, he will conclude, puts him broadly in the mainstream of Tory policy.

"There's nothing in what I am saying which I haven't said in successive campaigns for the Tory party over the past 35 years. I've worked for many leaders within the party – all with their virtues. Nobody would try to pretend there was anything there other than a remarkable combination of people of a high personal quality."

Precisely where he stands depends on what you mean by the mainstream. Despite his ferocious commitment to government efficiency and to privatization, most of his other convictions are at odds with the orthodoxy of the past eight years. He is more European than American, he wants an industrial strategy and he speaks a little too regularly and forcefully of the welfare net beneath the workings of capitalism. As for non-intervention in industry, he doesn't even believe it is possible. So what is this Tory party he is pledged to defend?

"It is not a doctrinal party in the sense that it has a neat package of witch-doctor solutions. It is a process of absorbing people's natural instincts, helping them to achieve whatever the particular mood or experience of the time happens to be. No other political party in the world has governed a democracy for so long."

On Mrs Thatcher . . .

'I've worked for many leaders within the party – all with their virtues'

Its campaigning job, he believes, is to point out that Labour's Clause Four socialism is swimming against the tide of world history, with Gorbachov dabbling in capitalism in Russia and the stock markets reopening in Shanghai. And second, it must drag even the reluctant middle classes round to the realization of the scale of the economic competition from the rest of the world.

"We have to persuade all the big middle-class groupings – teachers, for example – of the need to modernize. This is not just a question of rejecting the left. We also have to deal with the problem of those people who know that freedom and individualism are right but don't want to have to take the strain – that's where the Alliance gains, from people who are looking for a compromise, a backwater."

Europe is the key: "I see Britain moving into a role of partnership within Europe. The issue is how long it will take, not whether. I believe the faster we go the more economic benefit there will be. . . there's no way a single nation-state of our size can hope to match the funding which the Japanese or the Americans can put together."

Challenge this neo-Sixties belief in the grinding inevitability of the triumph of the huge and he will look quite genuinely amazed.

"But that's the history of the last thousand years! The world of the 21st century is staring you in the face – these vast power groupings. I believe it should happen. It's going to happen anyway. If you want to see a Franco-German axis dominating Europe with Britain as a medium-sized, relatively less-powerful nation, or if you think that Britain and Europe would gain from Britain being a full partner – that's the choice."

But doesn't this talk of siding with history or being crushed by it clash with his own ideals of freedom?

"I happen to believe that it's desirable to create a framework and stability of economic order which will deny the bloody chaos of the last millennium. We have achieved a miracle in Europe in the last 40 years by any historical standard. I think you can argue that people have greater sovereignty from greater power in Europe because you have the power to do things. Of course the extreme of the other argument is to say that the poor man is free to starve . . .

"And because the logic of history is grinding us into bigger groups there is an ever more pressing need to stress the importance of the individual. You want to be free within a huge society."

Isn't this all a little dogmatic, even unpalatably visionary, by the standards of the pragmatic Toryism of which he is so fond?

"The element of dogma and doctrine in what I say is that I do believe in the indispensable role of the individual in society. But I do realize there has to come a point where dogma is tempered by realities. . . there has to be a balance, there has to be a philosophical motivation but not to the exclusion of sanity."

The book he has written in exile from the Cabinet – *Where There's A Will** – argues all this in the context of what he did in power and what he thinks should be done next. It looks all too obviously like an alternative manifesto, though he categorizes it as a sort of standard form of back-bench contribution to the debate. It studiously avoided the standard terms of the current orthodoxy and came very close to studiously ignoring Mrs Thatcher herself.

"If you write a book like that, you can't of course just deal with headlines – what I had the opportunity to do was make it clear that these headlines weren't real.

"Surely they were real to Mrs Thatcher?

"That's not what we're talking about, we're talking about what I put in my book . . ."

Again with a slight smile he avoids the confrontation. Pools of not entirely convincing reticence are dotted all over the place. What for example did *she* think of the book?

"That doesn't sound like a question for me – no she's not said anything."

Or, perhaps, wasn't the present leadership squeamish about the idea of an industrial strategy? "You won't get me to subscribe to words that would be considered in any way apart . . ."

Will she still be Tory leader by the next election? "That's a question for Mrs Thatcher, not for me . . ."

On the future . . .

'To me it would be tragic if Britain were not influential in the world'

Cracking the code is not difficult. Heseltine is attempting to speak over the heads of the current hierarchy. He talks of Tory policy as evolutionary and says the time has come to evolve again. Socialism is about to be defeated; now is the time for a new capitalism, unencumbered by the mistakes of the past.

"I am confirmed Church of England. I go to church, not often. I'm probably a sort of anxious-to-be-converted agnostic."

What, then is it all for? Just to make people richer?

"No. You cannot escape the relationship between money and people's ability to do what they want. But you don't put it that way. Money is a means to an end. The object is to provide a society in which people are able to fulfil their own ambitions and enjoy themselves in the way they determine, compatible with other people's freedom. There should also be a certain pride in the community of which one is a member and in the history of that community.

"I believe in the quality and sophistication of the British people. To some it would be sad, to me it would be tragic, if Britain were not influential in the world."

Is that, then, where politics stop, when people are free?

"Well there's a philosophical contradiction in talking of setting people free and then trying to define what they do with their freedom. But you can do more, you can lead . . ."

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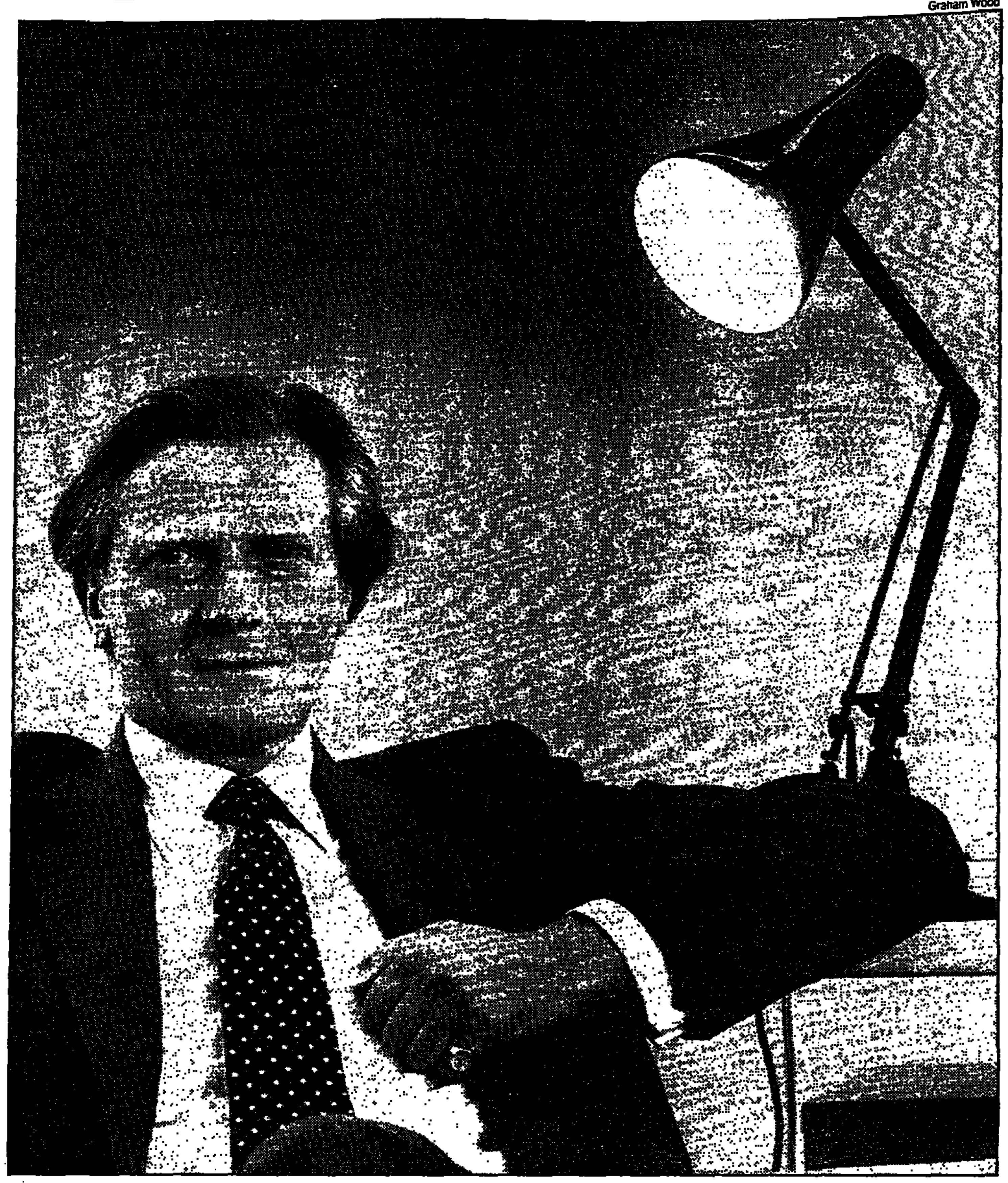
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More confident than ever: but Michael Heseltine will need all his political skills if he is to emerge from the election campaign as a potential leader

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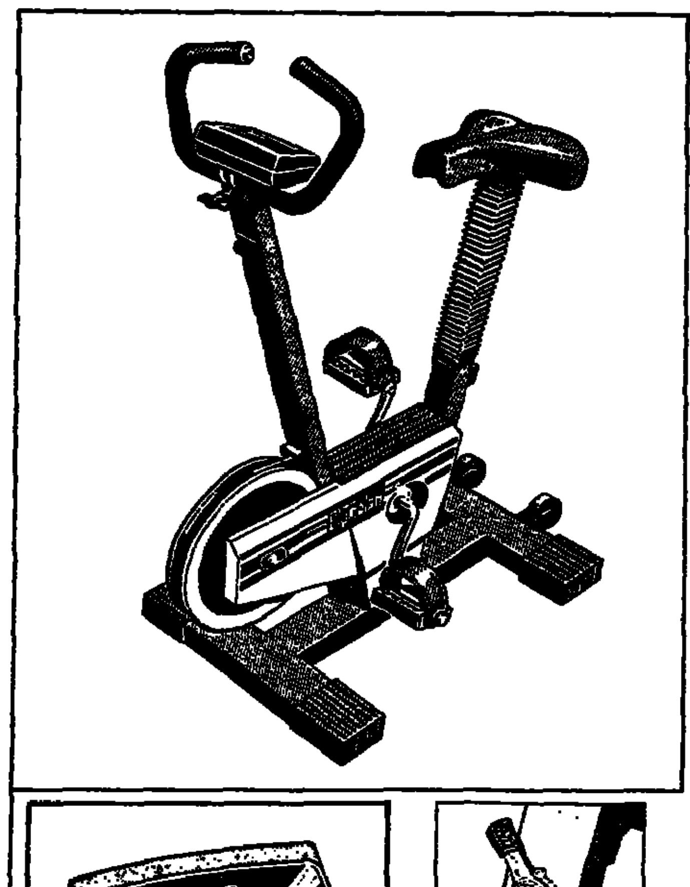

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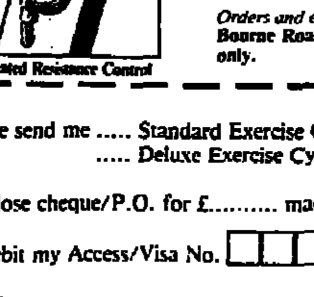
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Off on the Botany Bay beat

The Queen will give the starting order today when 11 sailing ships set out to re-enact the first convicts' voyage to Australia in 1787

There is a faintly ominous note in the sailing instructions: "Your participation as a trainee crew member will require both physical and psychological preparation to ensure that you can make the most of this rare opportunity."

Today 11 square-riggers will be given a royal send-off at Spithead by the Queen at the beginning of an enterprise that has been 10 years in the making – the re-enactment of the first voyage of colonization to Australia 200 years ago.

The landsmen taking part must possess endurance, supreme self-confidence and an ability to master the intricacies of square-sail seamanship. Above all, they must have £14,000, which is perhaps why only eight – five Britons, two Australians and a Canadian – are going all the way. Nearly 600 others have opted for a single leg of the 15,000-mile voyage at a fare of about £2,000.

All will be expected to carry out watch duties of four hours on and eight off, and as deck seamen they will be out on the yards loosing and furling sail, hauling the braces and generally following the demanding routine of life in a square-rigger.

What became known as the First Fleet* of 1787 comprised two naval escorts, two supply vessels and seven transports, carrying 759 convicts – 48 of whom failed to survive – in a complement of 1,350. In the words of a ship's officer: "Never were such d–d rascals collected together as there were in this ship." The women prisoners were summed up by a ship's surgeon as "villainous".

At 3am on Sunday, May 13, the fleet sailed on a voyage that ended at Botany Bay on January 26, 1788. Captain Arthur Phillip, commander of the expedition, was not impressed by the location. He chose instead Sydney Cove, named after the incumbent Home Secretary, which he descibed as "the finest harbour in the world in which a thousand sail of the line may ride in perfect security".

The re-enactment fleet is the brainchild of Dr Jonathan King, historian and descendant of Lieutenant Philip Gidley King, who sailed with the original expedition and became governor of New South Wales. Its climax will come as the fleet sails through Sydney Heads, 200 years to the day the First Fleet dropped anchor.

Patrick Davis

*The First Fleet: The convict voyage that settled Australia, *by Dr Jonathan King (Macmillan).*

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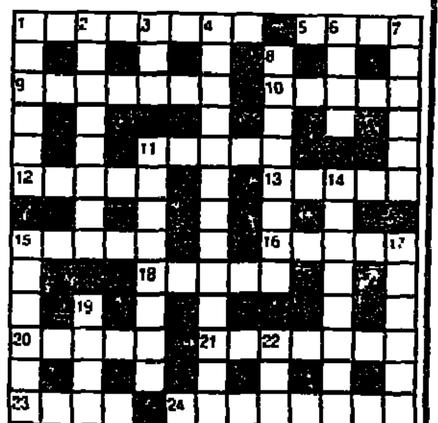

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

Miniatures and literary masterpieces

From among the trad and trendy, the whimsical and the horribly realistic, how are parents to choose the book that best suits — and serves — their child?

Libby Purves on the judging of a baby Booker

Once upon a time, a baby was doing well if he or she had a couple of *rag-books*, a set of bound boards with pictures labelled "apple" and "box", and a funny animal alphabet. When you learned to read, you spelled through Janet and John at school, and in the evening your Daddy read you out a chapter of *Pooh*.

Books for older children flourished, but there were not all that many aimed specifically at babies and toddlers: those on the market were expensive. But in the last 15 years or so, there has been what Tony Bradman, of *Parents* magazine, calls "an explosion of talent and excellence". To encourage it, he founded an award for the Best Book for Babies three years ago, specifically for books aimed at the under-4s. It is the first of its kind: it pays £1,000, and the winner, which is due to be announced at mid-morning today, is a secret guarded by close embargo. The whole thing is shaping up as a sort of Baby Booker Prize.

Indeed, the judges even meet in the same office as the Booker lot. It is a strange experience to do both jobs: a couple of months ago, I found myself in Martyn Goff's airy room at Book House, for the second time in four years. The first time, it was a Booker shortlist meeting held there under Goff's sardonic, interested, impartially smiling eye. Fay Weldon was presiding over a fierce gang of critics and writers, all talking about the relevance of the Novel and falling into factions over Bradbury and Rushdie.

This time, Goff was still there, smiling the same saturnine smile, but we were discussing rubber bath-books about Wally the Whale, and falling into factions on the question of dressed-up furry animals.

It is nice to have had a chance to be on both judging panels: but I must admit I was better-qualified for the baby-book one, and I spent weeks fighting to keep the entries safe in my study. The good ones kept being stolen, and smuggled into cots. It is a huge and bewildering entry; board books, ragbooks, pop-ups, word books, trad and trendy, rhetorical and monosyllabic books, floating books, squeaky ones and a couple containing singing microchips. However, despite the "explosion of talent", it was not too difficult to whittle down the books to a shortlist of 10.

Some, I fear, were a positive pleasure to eliminate. As Tony Bradman points out, there are other reasons than purely literary ones for publishers to jump in on this baby market. The recent boom in international co-editions is obviously favourable to books with very little text and a lot of illustrations. "Illustrator-led" editions frequently give the impression of a brilliant artist manacled to a robotically banal writer. So there are some utterly beautiful, thoroughly boring books around.

On the other hand, the interest in "early learning" has led to a rash of pre-reading books, some of them distinctly unhelpful, with a plodding tone in many; it sometimes seems that no baby can be allowed the sugar of a rousing good story without being fed some artfully hidden educational pill ("So James walked through the Jungle and counted three Jackals").

Another trend, sparked off years ago by the "Althea" books, is the horribly realistic and "helpful" book. Althea's original books, on things like hospital and siblings and grandparental death, were quite useful (although a joke circulates among publishers that a middle-class child is now conditioned to know that if someone gives it an Althea book, something absolutely dreadful is about to happen).

But unless there is a real spark of a story in them (*Emmy and the Purple Paint* both discusses playgroup-terrors and tells a tale of dreadful mischief), these are dull things indeed. And the final category of irritants — although here, I confess, my children do not always agree — is the dainty, whimsical, sentimental countryside tale of cowslip-fairies who love everyone, and pretty mice in pretty dresses doing pretty things. Some of these hedgerow fantasies make Beatrix Potter — a stern realist about guns and rabbit-pies — look like Mickey Spillane. Off to the jumble sale with them.

These irritants eliminated, we three judges (Bradman, Julia Eccleshare, and myself) hammered out a short-list. We had eight children between us, and their opinions were a constant factor in the discussions. There were a few passionate arguments (I spoke eloquently for something called *Round Red Dots*, I remember, which nobody else had picked).

The eventual shortlist illustrates the breadth of real quality on the British market, and the near-impossibility of the task we passed on to the panel of 10 families who make the final choice for *Parents*. This year, Bradman had decided for the first time to let his readers do the job. Reviewers, he feels, see so many books they become dismissive and arrogant and miss details; the parents, accustomed to actually buying the things for money, look closer and more sympathetically. We sent them a set of chunky board books with superior pictures, a collection of nursery rhymes, and a wonderful story of misdeed, guilt, punishment and reconciliation called *Thomas And The Christmas Presents*.

There was a deeply felt tale of a mother elephant with a family of children who only wants to get *Five Minutes' Peace*; Jan Pienkowski's *Faces*, a striking word-a-page book of modernistic grimaces; the boy-meets-building-site tale of *Sam And The Big Machines*; a pretty book that plays you *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* in an impersonal bleeping microprocessorial manner, and one called *Surprise*, in which you stick your chubby little finger in a hole and wobble the pictures around to suit yourself. And there was a profoundly moving split-page story, *Dear Daddy* by Philippe Dupasquier, which illustrates how a little girl goes round the seasons at home, waiting for her Daddy who is away at sea on a big ship. That was, interestingly, the nearest we came to the Althea school of crisis-management books. I had liked it especially because my son, whose own father is not away at sea, heard it for the first time and said with rare altruistic tenderness: "*Poor little girl. She could share my Daddy when her Daddy is on his ship next time.*" It took him out of himself, which is what books should do.

And in fact, under all the slight absurdity of the process lay, for all of us, a most serious literary intent. The messages that we wanted the books to deliver were simple: firstly, that books give pleasure; secondly, that a good story gives pleasure. The children may even come, one day, to enjoy the Booker winners of the 21st century.

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The shortlisted books are: Thomas And The Christmas Presents, *Amanda Vesey (Methuen)*; Five Minutes' Peace, *Jill Murphy (Walker)*; Twinkle Twinkle, *(Collins)*; Four Chunky Word Books, *Simms Taback (Heinemann)*; Faces, *Jan Pienkowski (Heinemann)*; Dear Daddy, *Philippe Dupasquier (Puffin)*; Sam And The Big Machines, *Kathy Anderson (Puffin)*; Helen Oxenbury Nursery Rhyme Book *(Heinemann)*; Surprise, *Ron van der Meer (Hamish Hamilton)*; Ride A Cock-Horse, *Ian Beck & Sarah Williams (OUP)*.

Stephen Markeson

Picking a winner: an 18-month-old consumer selects her favourite title from the shortlisted baby books

No sex please, we're skittish

Has the fear of Aids pushed young people away from the desires of the flesh and towards a new exercise in celibacy?

When Shareen Courtney walks down the road, heads turn: she looks sexy. But she is celibate. When she started working for the Terrence Higgins Trust, and found out the facts about Aids, she thought she would never sleep with anyone again. She is a volunteer on the Roadshow, and has been counselling gays in clubs for one evening a week for the last eight months.

Shareen is a 27-year-old sales executive at Thames Television. "I'm not going to become a nun," she says. "You can't give up completely. But I will be extremely careful about choosing a partner. And I'll use condoms — although they're not foolproof."

She was "quite active sexually" in the past, although not someone who had one-night stands; when she wasn't in a long-term relationship, she says she had up to four partners a year. "I would go to bed with people I really liked, but knew I wasn't going to marry or become very serious about." Now, her attitudes have undergone a dramatic change. When she meets people with whom, before, she would have slept, "I hold back".

"That's no slight on them. I don't think they have Aids — I have just thought more carefully about the situation."

Although she is aware of the health risks, she smokes 20 cigarettes a day. "Aids seems more imminent. You could get it in a year's time." With the advent of Aids, sex is, she says, a calculated risk: she doesn't believe in "safe" sex, referring instead to "safer" sex. "I have realized what can actually happen to people. It is a growing problem for the heterosexual community, but people still think of it as the gay plague."

'I'm not going to become a nun, but I will be very careful'

Shareen Courtney

Jeremy Bristow, a 31-year-old freelance promotional film producer, has not changed his — already responsible — sexual behaviour much recently.

He says his personal experience of Aids has been more in avoiding the conversations at dinner parties. "Herpes and chlamydial infections were knocking around long before Aids — and they were serious enough to make one more circumspect." He also feels that he "would now discuss the situation with a prospective partner, although it is a difficult subject to broach. If I were promiscuous, I would seriously consider condoms."

"I know someone who has died of Aids. Most people do," says Julia Macmillan, sadly. But that does not deter her. An attractive and vivacious 28-year-old clothes designer and Oxford graduate, Julia says jokingly that she has only ever been celibate for two days ("I had food poisoning"). She cannot see the point in forsaking sex or lessening her in-camera activities. "It's too enjoyable. People who have become celibate," she maintains, "are probably those who don't enjoy sex anyway. It's an excuse."

'People who become celibate probably don't enjoy sex'

Julia Macmillan

She considers that most people want to have a good relationship with one person, but believes an unfortunate effect of the Aids publicity is that people are sticking with unsatisfactory relationships too long. "They are scared of being on their own and not having a sex life."

Julia takes precautions now. She has done so since last summer, when she realized that Aids could no longer be regarded as restricted to homosexuals. "I'm more careful about who I sleep with; I get to know them better first, and using a condom is no big deal." She is worried, however, by the reports of the increasing variety of ways in which Aids can be contracted and considers that Aids might soon become so unavoidable that other people might return to promiscuity.

Men, in her experience, are more reluctant these days and she remarks that there is a trend towards people sharing a bed, but no more than that. She believes that she lived through the last years of decadence at university. "Now, yuppies are more interested in having relationships with their Rolexes and Porsches," she says.

Caroline Phillips

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&BRIEFLY

A round-up of news, views and information

Contact systems

You either love or hate the idea of "networking"; some say that smart women can survive without group support, others that the system offers valuable information and contacts to working women. Annette Pousford, a photographers' agent, and Deborah Mattinson, an advertising agency account director, fall into the latter camp and have founded Fireworks, a group for women in the communications industry — from secretaries to MDs — which arranges occasional seminars (including a recent discussion on careers and motherhood, featuring *Michel Odent, the celebrated* French obstetrician), "network" meetings to help with contacts, and even designer sales to enable women to dress for success cut-price. *Fireworks can be contacted* through Annette Ponsford at 114 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6PS (01-789 5976).

Logo loco

A strong pound has put American fashion within the grasp of the stylish Englishwoman for the first time in years and in the next few months, new outlets for Calvin Klein (classic tailoring in fine fabrics), and Esprit (sporty weekend wear), throw open their doors to save a transatlantic trip for lovers of US design. But America still gets it wrong — or so it seems. The most recent company to lend its name to designer-wear is the ABC television network, which will soon unleash on that television-loving nation a collection of unisex "active" clothes for joggers, tennis players and other exercise freaks, each emblazoned with the ABC logo. Well, would you be seen dead in a BBC tracksuit?

Quote me. . .

"The Queen is great, but if I had to fault her I'd say she doesn't dress up enough. She should be seen in her crown at all times, whatever she's doing, because that's what people want." **Zandra Rhodes**

Cool creams

There is no longer a need to slather sun creams beneath your summer maquillage; Chanel have introduced a range of sun products — make-up with Sun Protection Factors. Teint Soleil (£15) is a tinted, light matt-finish cream, with a sun protection factor of 6, which offers UVA and UVB filters to prevent the sun's ageing and burning effects, while discouraging un-chic shine. Brilliant Soleil, a gloss in lipstick form (£8), is designed to protect the vulnerable lip area (SPF 6-8) and comes in six summery shades and contains vitamin E for extra moisturizing properties. They are now available from Chanel counters in major department stores and leading chemists.

Found fabric

An end to scrabbling around in your handbag for snippets of curtain fabric, or dashing out in your lunch-hour to find the ultimate doorknob — such is the aim of Angela Twiner, an estate agent, and Sue Arnold of Norland Interiors. They have just launched a one-stop house purchase and interior decoration facility in London's elite Holland Park area. The venture is in response to pleas for help from busy Big Bangers who "just want it all taken care of with no hassle", explains Arnold, a former barrister. Angela Twiner Properties can be found at 126 Holland Park Avenue, London W11 (01-727 3927). You don't *have* to get your décor from Norland, of course. But it is, conveniently for those short on time, next door.

Josephine Fairley

TOMORROW

Saving your skin: are you dying for a tan? The Health Page reports on sun and sensibility

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Gamble for the children

A young man committed suicide in March; he had spent £2,000 on fruit machines and he left a note which contained the following statement: "There is not a minute when the machines are not on my mind. It is their lights and the noises. Most of all the flashing lights. I dream about them and can't get them out of my head. I feel as if I am losing my sanity."

This tragic case highlights a growing problem, and one that will not be solved by establishing an age limit in amusement arcades — the main aim of the investigation announced by the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, last week into amusement machines and their effect on young people.

Amusement with prizes (AWP) fruit machines are found not only in arcades but also in fish and chip shops; cafés and snack bars. There is no age limit on the people who frequent these premises; children of 13 and younger can be seen avidly putting 10 pence pieces into the machines, lured by the flashing lights and the sound effects.

In view of the adverse publicity surrounding amusement machines a code of practice was drawn up which recommends that unaccompanied children under 16 should not be admitted to arcades. The indications are, however, that this code is not effective in dealing with the situation.

I recently surveyed 30 schools and found that an appreciable amount of gambling — usually on fruit machines — occurred in 25 of them. Most of these were situated in areas where snack bars and shops with fruit machines were more common than arcades. The annual report of the Gaming Board for 1986 shows that, in contrast to the rest of gambling, the number of AWP fruit machines has more than doubled in the last 10 years.

The consequences of this situation are disturbing. Once the gambling habit is established, there is interference with school work, truancy and even cases of extortion to finance the habit. Last year the organization Parents of Young Gamblers was founded to provide some support for distraught parents faced with a child's persistent lying and stealing.

The fruit machine, which is the culprit, exploits certain very effective psychological principles of learning which lead to habit formation. Once this has taken place, the gambling is likely to continue almost regardless of the long-term gains or losses.

Jackpot fruit machines, with a maximum stake of 20 pence, have already been confined to premises with no free public access, which are licensed or registered under the Gaming Act. There is no such control over AWP fruit machines; yet these machines are no less dangerous. The difference in the size of prizes is less important than the fact that both types of fruit machine exploit the same principles of hard gaming with a rapid turnover.

This situation has been further confused by the fact that, as well as fruit machines, many chips shops, cafés, snack bars and arcades have video machines. However, as these are amusement-only machines, where the reward is a further free game, many children lose interest in them after an interval and are attracted to the adjoining fruit machines.

Adult compulsive gamblers often trace the beginnings of their disorder to their teens. If nothing is done about the present situation, there is a great danger of an epidemic of compulsive gambling in the years to come.

The fact that children have access to AWP fruit machines is due to an anomaly in the law which needs to be rectified to bring it into line with the rest of gambling legislation. *All* types of fruit machine should, as a matter of urgency, be restricted to licensed premises, where adults only can play them.

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THE TIMES DIARY

Turning to Tebbit

The Tories' campaign strategists have revised Norman Tebbit's television role for the election campaign. Originally it had been feared that he would appear abrasive against silver-tongued Labour and Alliance representatives, and the emollient Lord Young was groomed to appear more often. But the Tory chairman's assured performance on last week's *Newsnight* local election show impressed Smith Square's media-men, who now plan to field him on television debates throughout the campaign. Tebbit was helped on *Newsnight* by being linked to a Central Office computer which, by Friday afternoon, was predicting a Tory majority in the Commons of more than 100. Not that everything ran smoothly on the night, however: Tebbit's minder, Peter Davis, was shown into the studio alongside a nondescript figure sporting a prime gold Alliance tie. "You must be Alan Beith's assistant," ventured Davis. "I am Alan Beith," came the reply.

Going for Gould

The Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, has been sharpening his reflexes against Labour's economic spokesman, Bryan Gould, in time for serious campaigning. Asked by Gould to confirm that five Inland Revenue officials had been ferreting around looking into the possibility of putting VAT on to food and children's clothes, to offset his income tax cut of 2p, Lawson's reply went: "Since you are not even well enough informed to know that it is Customs and Excise, not the Inland Revenue, who administers VAT, no one can possibly be expected to take your ridiculous allegations on this, or any other topic, seriously." Intended or not, the Chancellor added a further insult; the letter was addressed to Brian Gould.

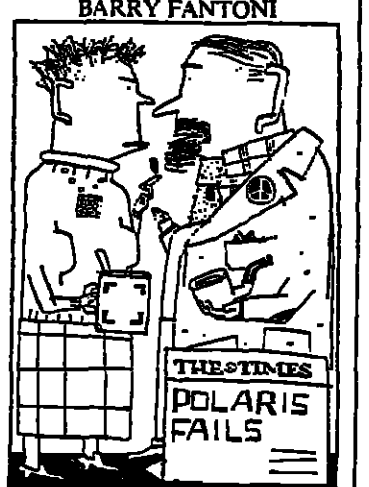
Lead balloon

The Liberal Party electioneering around the country is to be dictated by the availability of lead-free petrol rather than purely political considerations. The party is adhering to its public transport policy by taking a Leyland bus round Britain and using the less polluting gasoline. The problem is that in rural areas the stuff is not readily available so the drivers are plotting routes which take them past filling stations that provide it. Graham Watson, David Steel's personal assistant, said: "BP and Esso have quite a few pumps but Shell, who are also sinners over South Africa, are not so good."

Exit Radice

Giles Radice is avoiding one confrontation brimming with potential embarrassment this week. Radice, Labour's education spokesman, had provisionally accepted an invitation to address the Choir Schools Association at their annual conference in Oxford on Thursday. The event was eagerly awaited by the association's 35 fee-paying member schools, whose heads were likely to give Radice a hard time if he did not reassure them that Labour was reconsidering its commitment to end their charitable status as a prelude to abolition. Now, however, he has pulled out, pleading pressure of work generated by the election declaration. Gerald Peacocke, chairman of the association, tells me: "I may be being uncharitable but I have a sneaky feeling he may be secretly pleased to miss the ordeal." Radice's office said last night his staff were still hoping to provide a statement that could be read to the conference.

BARRY FANTONI



'Remind me, is that good or bad news?'

Rich seam

Arthur Scargill's dream of class revolution is further receding with members of the NUM now able to get mortgages at one of the lowest rates in Britain. Funds from the European Coal and Steel Community are available to miners who want to borrow up to £6,500 towards a house purchase at an interest rate of 1.75 per cent. It is an offer which Scargill may be tempted to accept if he succeeds in selling his own four-bedroomed detached bungalow in Barnsley, which is still on the market for £55,000. The union boss has moved his flock of guard geese to the half-acre garden of the nearby £125,000 Treesland Cottage which belongs to his daughter's boyfriend, David Roberts, a student.

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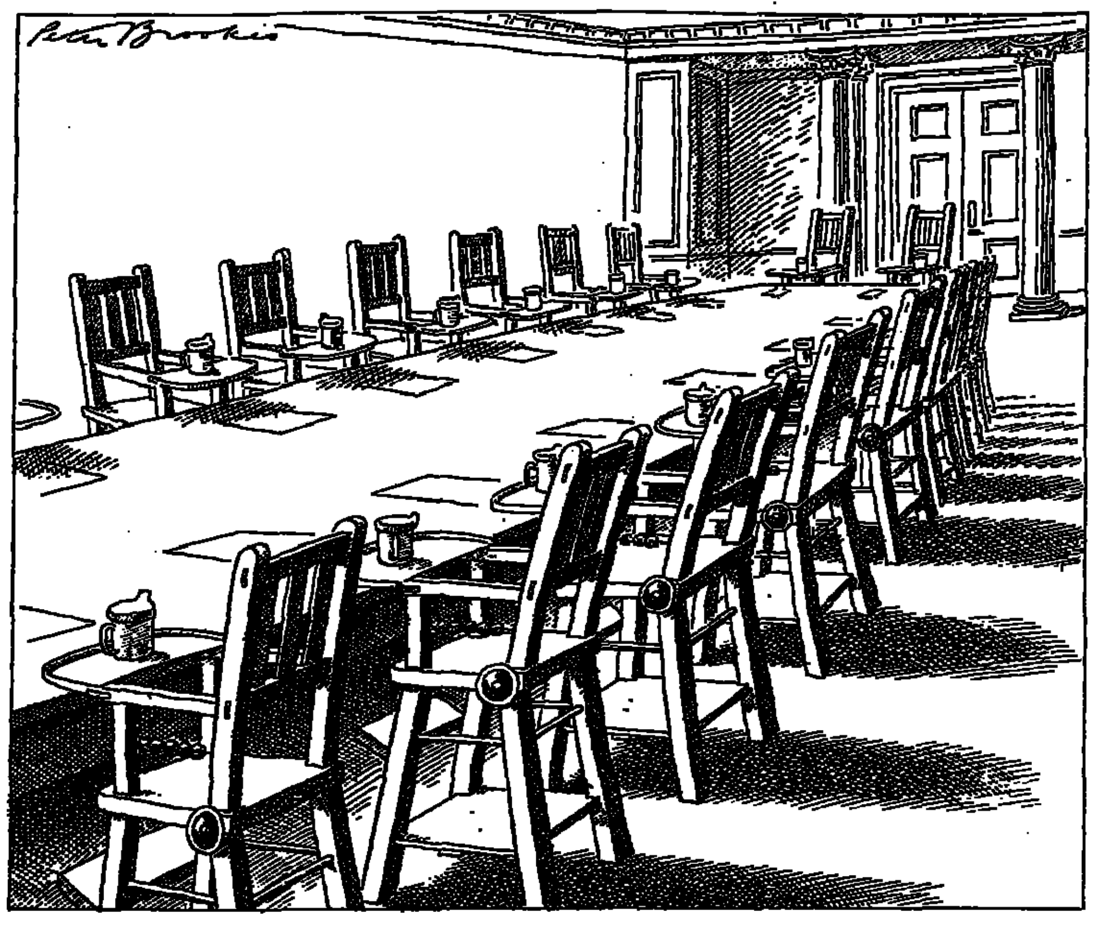
Dennis Kavanagh on the likely composition of a Labour government, and the forces that have ensured it will be an inexperienced cabinet

Kinnock's untried team



If Neil Kinnock becomes prime minister his government will be one of the most inexperienced in modern times. Comparing Michael Foot's 1983 shadow cabinet with Kinnock's shows how the combined effects of retirement, death, electoral defeat and decline in personal standing have taken their toll. In less than four years half of the Foot team (Foot, Heffer, Booth, Silkin, Rees, Millan, Concannon, Dunwoody and Alec Jones) have been removed from consideration.

The obvious place to look for clues about the composition of a Kinnock cabinet is the present shadow team. In 1979 Mrs Thatcher appointed all but two of her shadow team to the cabinet and the great majority went to posts with which they had some familiarity.

In Labour's case the overlap will be even greater. A recent change in Labour Party rules requires a Labour prime minister to appoint to his cabinet all 15 members of the parliamentary committee elected by the PLP. If one adds Kinnock and Hattersley, who are ex-officio members, and two peers (one to lead the Lords and one to be Lord Chancellor) Kinnock's hand has already largely been set.

The core of a Labour cabinet is likely to consist of Kinnock, Denis Healey (Foreign Secretary), Roy Hattersley (Treasury), John Smith (Trade and Industry), Gerald Kaufman (Home Office) and Bryan Gould (perhaps Chief Secretary or Employment). Most impartial observers would accept that this is an able team.

The PLP has elected a largely right-wing team and has sponsored many of the new leaders. Kinnock and Kaufman were first elected to the parliamentary committee in 1980, Peter Archer (Northern Ireland) and Brynmor John (agriculture) in 1981, John Cunningham (environment), Barry Jones (Wales), Giles Radice (education) and John Prescott (employment) in 1983, and Denzil Davies (defence) in 1984. Almost all of them will get the jobs that they have shadowed.

Kinnock's room for manoeuvre will lie less in the initial allocation of portfolios (why waste the experience gained in opposition?) than in reshuffles. Over the lifetime of most parliaments a cabinet changes considerably. Wilson was notorious as a reshuffler but even in Mrs Thatcher's 1979 government only seven of the 22 cabinet ministers were in the same posts in 1983. (Nine have stayed in their jobs in her latest government.)

It is likely that a younger generation of Labour men and women will obtain office in the lifetime of a new Labour government. High on such a list will be Jack Straw, Frank Field, Jeff Rooker, Harriet Harmon and, of the new intake, perhaps Ken Livingstone and David Blunkett. Such MPs are likely to prove politically and personally closer to Kinnock than the present team.

The Kinnock cabinet will reflect the great generational change in the ranks of the party leadership. Only Healey remains from the 1964 cabinet and only he and Shore from the 1966 one (assuming Benn is not chosen). From the Callaghan 1976 cabinet there remain Hattersley, Stanley Orme, John Morris and John Smith. Depletion has been made worse by the defection of ex-cabinet ministers to other parties (Jenkins, Marsh, Prentice, Owen, Shirley Williams and Rodgers).

Twelve of the probable members of a Kinnock cabinet first entered Parliament in the 1970s and their only chance of a government appointment, however junior, was in the 1974-79 period. Kinnock will face a similar problem to that of Harold Wilson in 1964. Wilson's first cabinet contained only three who had previous cabinet experience; but Wilson, unlike Kinnock, had himself served in a cabinet.

Of the MPs in the present Conservative cabinet only four sit for clearly non-southern or non-shire seats. A Labour cabinet drawn from the present shadows will present an image of the "other Britain". It will have two members from Scotland (Dewar and Smith) five from Wales (Kinnock, John Morris, Denzil Davies, Barry Jones and Brynmor John), two from inner London (Shore and Gould) and members from the great cities of Birmingham, Manchester and Leeds. This reflects Labour's heartland of industrial and commercial decline.

In spite of having the youngest prime minister of the century (Kinnock is 45) and its relative inexperience, it will not be a young cabinet. Its median age will be 55, the same as Mrs Thatcher's. Seven will be over 60, compared with four of Mrs Thatcher's team. The problem for Kinnock is not merely having just over 200 MPs to choose from, but that a third of the PLP is over 60; the median age of Labour MPs is four years higher than that of Conservatives.

A Labour cabinet will have fewer (eight) Oxbridge graduates than any other government since Atlee's. Callaghan had 10 such graduates in 1976 and Mrs Thatcher started this term with 17. But Kinnock's may well have the highest proportion of university graduates of any cabinet this century, with only Orme not having attended a university.

Ironically, it will also mark the triumph of the grammar schools, with only Meacher and Radice having been to expensive fee-paying schools in England. Kinnock's men precede the comprehensivization of secondary schools.

The next Labour cabinet will confirm the sharp decline of the proletarians like Morrison, Bevin and Bevan, and of the patricians like Dalton, Cripps, Gaitskell and Crossman.

The dominant group in the Labour leadership now is the meritocracy, the scholarship boys and girls from working class or lower middle-class families. Their social advancement was achieved by going to university and they have identified their careers and fortunes with the Labour Party. Exactly half of Labour cabinet ministers between 1964 and 1978 were such meritocrats. In the next cabinet they will amount to over 80 per cent.

If Labour loses the next election, particularly if it does badly, then two post-election scenarios are worth considering. One is the likely haemorrhage in political talent from the party. Not only will the handful with cabinet experience be too old (Orme, Healey and Shore) next time round, but other men of ability may be disheartened and give up. If such men go, a future Labour prime minister will find forming a cabinet even more difficult.

The other possibility is that the present talk of anti-Thatcher tactical voting develops into something more serious and that Labour leaders in the next Parliament take steps to engineer a realignment of the centre-left in British politics.

Other Western states, which have significant units of local and state government, are able to provide some executive experience for leading members of the political opposition. The evermore centralized British system, in which the opposition is totally excluded from power, may well be a disadvantage for government. This is particularly the case when the official opposition party is out of office for a long period.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien on the harm 'Pearlygate' is doing Republicans

Falwell: what's bad for his Moral Majority is bad for the president

The slipping of Reagan's double crown

The Republican Party's special relationship with God is in trouble. To Irangate has been added Pearlygate, the juicy revelations of sin among the "televangelists", on which the secular media have dwelt for some weeks.

Outside the Bible Belt, the greater American public is enjoying it all. But the worst news for the televangelists and their political friends is the reaction inside the Bible Belt.

A *New York Times* poll last month — just after the scandals started breaking — showed that even most of those who have been in the habit of watching the televangelists have quite a low opinion of them. Seventy-five per cent of regular viewers thought the television ministers "too interested in money". Only 37 per cent of the same viewers admit to having a favourable opinion; 50 per cent declared an unfavourable opinion.

Since the poll the country-music radio stations of the Bible Belt in the South are reported to be regularly lampooning the televangelists. There are about a dozen songs on this theme being broadcast in the South these days, the most requested being Ray Stevens's "Would Jesus Wear a Rolex on His Television Show?".

The Rev Jerry Falwell is extremely upset about all this, as well he might be. Falwell has publicly complained that the scandals have cost him millions of dollars. But they are also cutting deeply into his political turf. Falwell is both the best known and the most political of the televangelists. He is credited, or debited, with the invention of the "Moral Majority", which helped Ronald Reagan towards the landslide victories of 1980 and 1984.

The Moral Majority isn't looking too well now, and Falwell is understandably bitter about this, as well as about the money. He is so bitter that he gives the show away, revealing the extent of the damage. He says he doesn't ever remember a time "when people driving trucks, talking on CBs and sitting in restaurants were having such a heyday (*sic*) ridiculing all that is Christian . . . "National credibility for the cause of Christ . . . is at an all-time low."

Falwell is determined to restore the credibility of Christ the Televangelist. But the daunting nature of the task may perhaps be inferred from a certain disarray detectable in the Falwellian prose. "We're trying," he says "to spiritually, theologically, collectively with our business practices, put our homes in order."

If, as appears, the moral majority idea is falling into discredit, the implications for the Republicans are serious. The basic concept lies much deeper than the Falwell-Reagan gimmickry associated with it over the past eight years or so. It goes back to the Eisenhower era, when it was crudely but effectively put across by Joe McCarthy, with the explicit backing of Senator Robert A. Taft, and the apparently somnambulistic but decisive co-operation of Eisenhower himself. The message ran essentially as follows:

Atheistic communism is the enemy of God as well as of America. Patriots need the support of Christians in fighting the common enemy — the support of *all* the Churches.

That "all" was essential. The Republican strategy was to try to scare Northern Roman Catholics and Southern Baptists away from their Democratic allegiance. That meant appealing to their common religiosity, regardless of doctrine or tradition. As Eisenhower put it: "Our government makes no sense unless it is founded in a deeply-felt religious faith — and I don't care what it is."

This was vintage Eisenhower. It sounded dumb, but was politically effective for all that. It worked with many Catholics. Cardinal Spellman threw his considerable weight fully behind the Republican Party, and regularly intoned the word "Americanism" as if it were part of the Roman liturgy. And the strategy worked in the Bible Belt as well. Large numbers of Southern Baptists, traditionally Papist-baiters, came to admire Joe McCarthy, an Irish Roman Catholic no doubt, but a tough no-holds-barred fighter against communism. So Catholics weren't all that bad, compared with communists.

When Eisenhower became president, he and his friends got across the message that God had come back to Washington, after 16 years of exile at the hands of Godless and treasonable New Dealers. Eisenhower at the beginning of his first term instituted the National Prayer Breakfast, a curious — and little-studied — annual Pan-Christian state ritual, dubiously compatible with the constitutional separation of church and state. Eisenhower inserted the words "under God" after "one nation" in the Pledge to the Flag. And the Republican National Committee, by resolution, consecrated Eisenhower's dual mission: "He, in every sense of the word, is not only the political leader, but the spiritual leader of our times."

Richard Nixon did his expletive-deleted best to hold that Double Crown, as spiritual-cum-political leader, but his act came unstuck in such a spectacular way as to place the Double Crown, for a time, on the head of the most spiritual Democrat available: Jimmy Carter.

And then came Ronald Reagan to smilingly take back the Double Crown of Dwight D. Eisenhower. God's chosen instrument for the restoration of Republicanism was television. Through television, Reagan, the great communicator, winningly diffused a vague but appealing version of Christianity, in which the persons of the Trinity appeared to be God, America and the Republican Party. And on screens throughout the Bible Belt, the televangelists were seen to say Amen to the Reagan credo.

That is what makes Pearlygate so exquisitely awful for the Republicans. The directly political disaster of Irangate is, of course, far more conspicuous as it currently engulfs the Republicans in its *Macbeth-like* emanations on television. But Pearlygate provides Irangate with a sort of lewd and low-life commentary like the porter in Macbeth. Now the holy chorus of the televangelists, spiritual arm of Reaganism in the years of its glory, has suddenly become a cackling mob of avaricious clowns, exposing one anothers' sexual deviations, and loudly calling on God to give them back large sums of money which they accumulated by their hypocrisy, and have lost by their antics.

The Republicans, naturally, try to look as if this has nothing to do with them. But it has plenty to do with them. The Reagan administration deceived the people over Iran; now the administration's spiritual guarantors are revealed to be whited sepulchres, whose blessing is a mockery.

And out there in the Bible Belt, some kind of retribution may be building up. People have been conned, taken for a ride, and made to look fools in front of other people. *Huckleberry Finn* comes unbidden to my mind. Remember the episode when "the King" and "the Duke" made a bundle by making fools out of the people of a little Mississippi town? And then the people of that place pelted those clever performers with rotten vegetables and ran them out of town on a rail.

I rather fancy Ronald Reagan in the role of the King, and Jerry Falwell in the role of the Duke.

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John Grigg

Really voting for reform

Two big questions will be answered on June 11: first, who is to rule the country for the next four or five years; second, is the transformation of British politics, so long desired by so many, at last going to happen?

A duopoly of parties, both essentially conservative (though conservative of different interests), has been in force here for the whole period since the Second World War. Will it survive yet another election, or will those who would like to see a more truly democratic system bring themselves, this time, to vote for it in sufficient numbers?

In practice, the necessary change will occur only if the Alliance either wins the election outright or, at the very least, emerges with a larger share of the popular vote than Labour and holding the balance in the new Parliament. Under the present electoral system it could, of course, win a larger share of the popular vote while still capturing many fewer parliamentary seats. The *people* could put Labour in third place, but the *system* might keep it in second.

Yet if the Alliance were to be second in the country, with enough seats in Parliament to compel one of the old parties to negotiate, the process of change would have begun. The evidence suggests that such an outcome is very much on the cards.

I am assuming that the Conservative Party is more likely than Labour to win the largest share of votes and seats in the election. In any case I would argue that, of the two parties that form the present duopoly, Labour is the more deserving of relegation.

The Tory Party has many faults, which unfettered power has already aggravated, and which yet another spell of unfettered power would aggravate beyond measure. But its ideological excesses have been less glaring than Labour's, even during a period of unwonted dogmatism. Above all it does not give the decisive say in its affairs to any sectional group that the Labour constitution gives to the trade unions.

Not that anyone in the Alliance should wish the Conservative Party to re-emerge as the largest single party. The best result would be that the Alliance should win that position, and so qualify as the leading element in any ensuing coalition. Short of that, it is rational to argue that it would be better for the Alliance — and for the country — that the largest party in a hung Parliament should be the Tory Party, than that it should be Labour in its present form and with its present policies.

The worst calamity would be an outright Labour victory. Labour leaders never tire of saying that the only way to get rid of Mrs Thatcher is to vote Labour. But that is surely the deadliest argument against themselves, because if there were no other choice most people would regard even a continuation of Thatcher government preferable to a working parliamentary majority for Labour on its own.

Fortunately there *is* another choice, and the future health of our politics depends upon its being made by the maximum number of voters. No Alliance sympathizer should vote for any other party, even in a seat where the Alliance seems to have little chance of winning. If the system is to be changed, it is vital for the Alliance not only to win as many seats as possible, but also to record the largest possible vote.

The favourite Conservative argument against the Alliance is that a coalition, or government requiring negotiation with other parties, is of necessity a weak government; that all the lovely things the Tories have done during the past eight years have been achievable only because they had a completely free hand, despite representing only a minority.

This is pure rubbish. Historically, coalition governments in Britain have, on the whole, been strong. As for the past eight years, it can be said with confidence that nearly all that can rightly be claimed as good would have been done, while much that is evidently bad would have been avoided, if the government had had the benefit of Alliance presence or influence.

Who can imagine that a government over whose actions Roy Jenkins had any control would have been less determined than the present government to conquer inflation? On the other hand, an Alliance-controlled or influenced government would not have applied severe fiscal deflation during a time of world depression, which was surely just as crazy as inflating during a boom.

David Owen was no less resolute than Mrs Thatcher during the Falklands war. But he would have been more magnanimous in victory, particularly when that victory had the most salutary effect of restoring democracy in Argentina. Mrs Thatcher on her own has allowed martial success to be followed by costly diplomatic stagnation.

Similarly, the Alliance would have been just as firm as the present government in resisting Mr Scargill and any other attempt to use trade union power to subvert civil liberty and the rule of law. But the Alliance does not share Mrs Thatcher's gut prejudice against all trade unionism, as shown in her handling of the GCHQ affair.

The examples could be multiplied. In 1983 a great many more people wanted the Alliance to do well than actually voted for it. Thus the Conservatives were permitted to win a massive parliamentary majority, and Labour to remain as the principal opposition party. The mistake should not be repeated.

The biggest obstacle the Alliance has to overcome is that of being relatively new. It is hard to persuade British people to change their habits. But many who have yet to change to the Alliance may be comforted by the thought that it is not quite as new in 1987 as it was in 1983.

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however . . . William Greaves

These bridges go too far

The correspondence columns of this newspaper contained, a year or two ago, a letter from a motorist of previously equitable character who had been reduced to a state of quivering fear by a road sign that proclaimed, "Warning — dangerous bridge under construction". Although having the good grace to congratulate the contractors on a frank admission of their engineering misgivings, he would rather have been left in ignorance.

I know exactly how he feels because I suffer similar emotions whenever confronted by a motorway sign bearing the legend, "Major carriageway repairs — delays likely until summer 1988". An hour or two is tolerable, but the prospect of being stuck in a traffic jam for upwards of 12 months is alarming.

Now, however, has come a disturbing news report that shows the letter-writer had merely stumbled across the tip of the iceberg.

The opening paragraph was bad enough: "The Department of Transport yesterday admitted that there are 82 road bridges in Britain of similar design to one near Port Talbot in Wales which collapsed as a result of corrosion."

But while still in a state of shock, and with pen poised over a letter of the Department of Transport, demanding to know the exact location of all such bridges so I could be sure to avoid them, a further paragraph rendered such information superfluous. The government is also "facing a crisis" over the condition of several thousand other concrete bridges which carry Britain's motorways and trunk roads.

If the government reckons it is facing a crisis, what about *us*? There was clearly insufficient time for a gentle exchange of letters, so I picked up the telephone and spoke to a man at the Department of Transport, trying to disguise the quaver in my voice.

"Could you tell me, please, exactly how many bridges you've got on your motorways and trunk roads?"

"There are 7,000 bridges," came the reply, "and 3,500 other structures described as bridges." (Described as bridges by *whom?* By the contractors? And exactly why does the department dispute the description? I was beginning to wish I had never asked the question in the first place.)

Far be it from me to spread alarm among a motoring population with plenty of other problems on its plate, but even allowing for every structure described as a bridge proving, on closer inspection, to *be* a bridge, that means there is a serious doubt in somebody's mind about the safety of a staggeringly high proportion of the total number.

How, you may wonder, did the nation come to this pretty pass? And what's to be done about it? Not a moment too soon, the department has, apparently, commissioned an emergency survey of 200 road bridges, many of which are now expected to last "only a fraction of their 120-year design life". Never mind that. I am sure I speak for us all when I tell Nigel Lawson that, if he decides to abandon further tax cuts and hand over the money to the Department of Transport instead, not one British motorist will scream for his resignation.

That, however, is scarcely the point. What troubles me — and doubtless you — is the possibility that just one of those bridges will decide to end its life at the very second that any one of us has elected to pass over or under it.

It will be several days before I am in possession of the precise whereabouts of all Britain's questionable bridges and even longer before space will become available to publish a map reference for each one.

Meanwhile readers are strongly recommended to avoid all trunk roads and to plan their journey, however long it might be, using only B roads and tracks. Or better still, to use a horse capable of jumping whatever obstacle necessitated the erection of the bridge — or other structure thus described — in the first place.

In the favoured words of British Rail, I apologise for any inconvenience this might cause.

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TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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The issues: the economy

THE ALTERED TERMS

When Mrs Thatcher went to the country in June 1983, it was not to place the economic record of her Government before the electorate. Four years ago she had to ask the country to take a good many of her economic policies on trust. The rate of inflation had fallen from over 20 per cent in the first few months of taking office to only 3.7 per cent; but in other areas there was still much to prove. The country was only just recovering from the worst recession since the war, unemployment was high and still rising and the fruits of most of the Government's attempts to remove the hands of the state from the nation's economic affairs had yet to ripen.

Four years later the position is different. Inflation remains under control. It is at much the same level as before the 1983 election or perhaps a bit lower in terms of the underlying inflationary pressures in the economy. But instead of recession the economy has been growing at a steady 2-3 per cent a year and recently faster than any other major economy. Unemployment, though still high, is falling. And, by winning the miners' strike and despatching some of the country's biggest nationalized industries to a new life in the private sector, the Government has changed the climate in which the country goes about its daily economic affairs.

So this time the electorate is in a better position to judge the effect of Mrs Thatcher's policies in practice and to make up its mind on the wisdom of voting for more of the same. But the judgement will be made within a different frame of reference from that of the late 1970s. However substantial or otherwise Mrs Thatcher's economic achievements have been, she has altered the terms of the economic debate.

No one who is likely to inhabit Number 10 or Number 11 now doubts that economic policies cannot simply be allowed to emerge out of the chemical solution of internal party politics, as in the Labour manifesto of 1983 they appeared to do. They must be formulated with a view to their effectiveness in the hard world, including the financial world, in which they will be put to the test.

The present Government came to power in 1979 intellectually and morally convinced that its first duty was to preserve the integrity of the currency. Today, while the Government's opponents may emphasize other priorities, they accept that those aims must be achieved within the context of keeping inflation under control.

Despite the increased stability of prices, control of inflation remains a fundamental issue on which the nation will be casting its vote on June 11. A depreciating currency removes the certainty on which industry and commerce rely to plan their businesses. Much more than that; where the currency in which a Government repays its borrowings is worth only a fraction of the money which was originally subscribed, the state's moral standing as a borrower is undermined.

In traditional political economy, inflation is the Scylla and unemployment is the Charybdis — two dangers of such a kind that to avoid the one increases the risk from the other. But this Government's view of those dangers has been that a course which avoids the one will eventually escape the other. It is only in low inflation economies that savers can confidently save, companies reliably invest, and employees be sure of lasting employment.

Labour and the Alliance parties accept the connection between inflation and employment, but have a different view of the degree of prudence necessary to keep inflation in check. Labour also has an entirely different prescription for improving the efficiency with which resources are employed in the economy, one which relies more on intervention by Government and less on the sum of decisions by millions of free citizens acting in their own interests in free markets.

The question the country has to decide is less how to alleviate unemployment than how to promote employment. The policies on offer need therefore to be judged not so much by the number and scope of special employment measures and levels of benefit — important though these are. They should judged by whether they are likely to produce the fastest rate of sustainable growth in the economy, and whether they will therefore succeed in matching the jobless to the available job opportunities.

Since the great defeat four years ago, Labour has worked hard at refining its economic alternative. The policies propunded in detail over the past two years by Mr Hattersley are clearer, more coherent and more credible than those which Labour took into the election in 1983. But despite some newer ideas the most striking thing about them is how much they remain fundamentally the same as those of the 1970s. Labour still believes that more jobs can be created by increasing Government borrowing. It still believes that the way to improve the working of the economy is for the state to take a hand in directing investment.

The scale of Labour's ambitions is much reduced. Borrowing would be increased by £3-4 billion, which is less than the Treasury's forecasting margin of error on a bad day. Unemployment is to be reduced by 1 million over a Parliament rather than 2 million. There is no wholesale commitment to renationalize the industries which the Conservatives have privatized. But Labour's task remains as Attlee described it at the 1945 election, "proving that socialism and common sense coincide more than our critics understand".

The Alliance's economic policies lie somewhere between Conservative and Labour. Not for nothing do they claim to occupy the middle ground. The Liberals and SDP believe in increasing Government borrowing, though by less than Labour. But they, or at least the SDP leader Dr David Owen, also believe in the superiority of free markets over state direction as a means of allocating resources. Hence their embracing of the social market which, in the Alliance's version, is an economy lying somewhere between socialism and free market liberalism.

The aims of economic policy today are not in doubt: to maximize economic growth and employment at an acceptable level of inflation. But the policies being placed before the electorate in the coming campaign are very different in character from one another. The country has to decide whether Mrs Thatcher's record justifies her claim that inflation, growth and jobs are safe with her or whether the alternative policies set out by Labour and the Alliance offer a faster route towards those objectives.

TURN RIGHT ON MALTA

Mr Edward Fenech Adami has opened his term of office as Malta's new Prime Minister by appealing for unity among the island's 330,000 people. If he can only achieve that, he will deserve his place in history, after nearly a quarter century of deeply divisive politics since independence in 1964. Can he do so?

Much might depend upon his vanquished predecessor, Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, who inherited the Labour government from Mr Dom Mintoff 2½ years ago and now has the job of leading the party in opposition.

Dr Bonnici was regarded with some misgivings as an orthodox, grey left-winger when he succeeded the volatile, idiosyncratic Mr Mintoff. In the event, he introduced a new pragamatism into Labour policies, opening a fresh dialogue with private industry as he sought to concentrate on the island's economic ills. By Malta's standards this election has been relatively free from violence — and Dr Bonnici must take some of the credit for that.

Still, Malta needs a change. This is partly because after 16 years of continuous Labour government, change must be a good thing for democracy. Allegations of corruption have discoloured the Labour government's record and the new Prime Minister's opening moves to de-politicize the police must make for a popular beginning.

Mr Fenech Adami is unlikely to put Malta into reverse. He has made clear that he favours the continuation of a neutral, non-aligned policy. While he will allow the treaty of military cooperation with Libya to fall into disuse, he will try to retain good relations with Tripoli. His attitude to the Soviet Union is expected to be similar to his attitude to Libya. Malta's economy needs all the help it can get — not that its likely to get much from the Soviet Union. While Malta will not go into reverse, however, it is likely to move to the right.

The Nationalist Government has already indicated that it will develop closer ties with the European Community and, in good time, will probably apply for membership. He rightly sees that Malta's best interests lie in Western, not Eastern, Europe and in constructive friendship with the United States. Its under-developed economy needs American confidence to attract foreign investment.

The island's strategic position in the Western Mediteranean is not quite as crucial to the West as once it seemed. The North Atlantic alliance contains other countries along the Northern shore of the Mediterranean, which have their own air and naval bases. Mr Fenech Adami's stated determination not to reopen the air and naval facilities closed to the West by Mr Mintoff, should therefore cause no great concern. The Western requirement is that Malta should not open these facilities to the other side either. Common sense would suggest that the Russians feel much the same way.

It follows therefore that what one looks for from Mr Fenech Adamsi is friendly neutrality, as opposed to the hostile neutrality developed by Dom Mintoff. The indications are that he should be able to carry the people with him if he can persuade them that their economic wril-being lies in that direction too. The change of government should thus be cautiously welcomed at home and abroad.

Jeanette case

From Dr Meera M. Roy

Sir, I have been following the fortunes of Jeanette, the mentally handicapped girl, with considerable interest, and reacted with shock at Lord Bridge's statement (report, May 1). "The mental and physical handicaps of the girl rendered her incapable of ever exercising that right [to give birth] or enjoying that privilege".

It reminded me of another legal gentleman, Oliver Wendell Holmes (*Buck v Bell*, US Supreme Court, 1927) who, earlier in the century, said this of another mentally handicapped girl:

It is better for all the world if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime or let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit, from continuing their kind . . . Three generations of imbeciles are enough.

There were two interesting points about this case. I am surprised that a psychiatric opinion was not sought, in spite of the fact that the psychiatrist in mental handicap would be deeply involved in Jeanette's future care. This group of doctors deal only with the problems of the mentally handicapped people, which, I presume, may give them a degree of expertise.

I was also interested to see that intra-uterine devices as a means of contraception had not even been considered.

I am sorry such a precedent has been set by the highest legal authority of the country. The mentally handicapped people are lovable and it upsets me to see them being treated as if they were less than human.

Yours sincerely,
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52 Redlock Field,
Lichfield, Staffordshire.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Smallpox virus link with Aids

From Dr Jonathan Mann

Sir, The article (May 11) entitled "Smallpox vaccine 'triggered Aids virus'" joins many other unproven and speculative ideas about the origin of Aids. We are not aware of any scientific data which would support the idea that the global smallpox eradication programme might be linked to Aids.

Smallpox was an ancient scourge and smallpox vaccine was used widely in many areas of the world during the last two centuries. During all this time, neither the smallpox disease virus nor the smallpox vaccine virus was ever linked to upsurges in any other disease. The only result we know of from the smallpox eradication programme was the eradication of smallpox itself.

Globally, the geographic distribution of smallpox eradication programmes and the geographic distribution of Aids does not fit. In Asia, where hundreds of millions of smallpox vaccinations were given from 1967 to 1972, Aids remains rare. Conversely, the United States is experiencing a major Aids epidemic, yet smallpox was eradicated there many years ago. As many doses of smallpox vaccine were given in west Africa as in central Africa, yet Aids is less common in west than in central Africa.

As the current World Health Assembly has emphasized, we must concentrate on action to prevent the spread of Aids rather than on speculation about its origins. Further, to overcome any confusion which may have been caused, it is imperative that whatever scientific information was available to support the hypothesis presented in this article be brought to light rapidly and submitted to open, international and scientific scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,
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Special Programme on Aids),
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May 11.

From Dr Laurence Gerlis

Sir, According to reports today, the World Health Organisation discounts the theory that dormant HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) infection may have been stimulated by the anti-smallpox vaccination campaign in the sixties and seventies.

The theory claims that an endemic disease in central Africa may have been stimulated by vaccination to become more widespread. Since the theory holds that the disease was endemic only in central Africa at that time, the low level of Aids in Asia now does not necessarily invalidate it. The route of transmission of Aids to the United States is well documented as being from Zaire to Haiti and on to the US.

The theory does not criticize the WHO or its vaccination programme in any way, but since there has been speculation about the link between smallpox and HIV, it may be worthy of discussion. This speculation existed prior to the recent case report from the Walter Reed Army Institute of a 19-year-old man who developed Aids after smallpox vaccination.

Since it is acknowledged that this could occur now, one might wish to consider whether it could have occurred in the past. It has implications upon current work with vaccines based on vaccinia to immunise HIV about which the WHO take no position, as well as on the conduct of mass vaccination campaigns.

Yours sincerely,
LAURENCE GERLIS,
21 Devonshire Place, W1.
May 12.

Reading help for old

From Mr Lawrence D. Hills

Sir, The British county library service is the best in the world, allowing anyone, anywhere, to borrow any non-fiction book for a relatively small fee through the central library.

But there appears to be no non-fiction service for the partially sighted and those for whom reading is increasingly difficult. My library, like many others, offers cassettes classified under detective, romance, Western, science fiction and horror, when we need the wider range of non-fiction.

Could any existing body, or perhaps a new charity for those who are both elderly and intelligent, take on the task of a central audio-visual service for the aged? There are electronic devices that will project a page or a scientific paper enlarged on to a screen or wall.

I am, Sir, yours etc,
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Wolston Lane,
Ryton-on-Dunsmore,
Coventry, West Midlands.
May 1.

Gibbon recalled

From Miss Isabel Quigly

Sir, Did Hugh Trevor-Roper ("May Gibbon rise again", May 2) really visit Fletching church to look for Gibbon's tomb? Perhaps he is confusing the church with another.

"Nowhere could I find any indication that the greatest of English historians was buried there", he writes of a visit he made to the church "some years ago". "Finally, after separating the surplices hanging in the vestry, and peering through a small aperture into a darkened vault, I was able to glimpse the prolix Latin epitaph composed for him by the whig clergyman Dr Parr."

The Sheffield mausoleum in Fletching church, where Gibbon is buried, is not a "darkened vault". It is not a vault, because it opens from the north transept of the church and is on a level with it; and it is not dark, being lit from the church, which has unusually large windows.

There is no "small aperture" through which to peer: a large door leads from the transept to the mausoleum and Gibbon's monument is directly inside this door, about three feet away. As for those "surplices hanging in the vestry", I am puzzled to know what they have to do with it. The vestry is nowhere near the mausoleum and has no aperture, small or large, through which the epitaph can be peered at.

"If the church does not honour him in death," Lord Dacre writes, "perhaps we may now celebrate his birth." For the past thirty years I have lived within 50 yards of Fletching church and certainly in that time the village has honoured Gibbon's connection with it and with the church.

Simon de Montfort, who kept vigil in Fletching church before the battle of Lewes in 1264, is one of our two most famous local figures. Gibbon is the other. We all know about him and are well aware of the honour and interest of having him buried among us.

Yours faithfully,
ISABEL QUIGLY,
Tower Cottage, Fletching,
Uckfield, East Sussex.
May 2.

From Professor Robert Darnton

Sir, The former Regius Professor of History at Oxford writes that Gibbon disdained the French *philosophes* because they subordinated history to philosophy. At the same time he argues that Gibbon wrote great history because he grounded it in philosophy — a philosophy derived from Montesquieu.

Has the former Regius Professor banished Montesquieu from the ranks of the *philosophes* just as (he claims) his unworthy successors have driven Gibbon out of the Oxford curriculum?

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT DARNTON,
Balliol College,
Oxford.
May 3.

Strength of IRA

From the Reverend John Buckley

Sir, May I elaborate a little on your commendable editorial, "Fight across borders", of April 27. To the majority of us born in the Republic an aspiration towards a united Ireland is a fact of life. It is part of our collective psyche, so to speak. That the IRA has similar aspirations is also a fact of life.

When, in our recent general elections, 99 per cent of our people rejected Sinn Fein, they were voting against the "physical force method" adopted by the IRA to achieve its aims. However, there is a tiny element that not only sympathise with the IRA but also lend it practical support. These people give the movement a certain strength in its campaigns.

Some years ago I remember having a conversation with a member of the "Old IRA" (those who fought in the 1916 Easter Rising). In his time the IRA considered it to be to their advantage when they were regarded as "fools, ejits, or incompetents". This type of opinion, he said, deflected people away from the reality and made them complacent.

He recalled how, at the age of 12, he was given a pencil and notebook. His task was to record as best he could the comings and goings in a certain street where British Army officers lived. At that tender age he had been recruited into the IRA intelligence service and subsequently rose through the ranks. That generation has moved on, but the efficient machine remains.

The almost total rejection by the republic of the "physical force option" is surely reason enough for all parties to work together towards a political solution. While it may be abhorrent to some, the Anglo-Irish Hillsborough Agreement at least represents a step in that direction.

It is a long slog and a road littered with bomb craters and bullet-ridden corpses, but it is a road we must go with fortitude and solid determination. We owe it to the dead of all sides and to the generations yet unborn.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BUCKLEY,
Spanish Place Rectory,
22 George Street, W1.
April 30.

Facing the music

From Mr Gerald Priestland

Sir, Visiting Lusaka last week, I had occasion to telephone the British High Commission, where the operator put me on "Hold". Whereupon I was treated to half a minute of inane music of the kind normally heard in hotel lifts. Not even "Land of Hope and Glory" or "Greensleeves" or Gilbert and Sullivan.

What can the Zambians think of our cultural pride? Cannot the British Council use its influence in the matter?

Yours pompously,
GERALD PRIESTLAND,
4 Temple Fortune Lane, NW11.
May 11.

An unacceptable face of sport

From Mr Peter Coe

Sir, In the evening of Saturday, May 9, I returned to Twickenham from the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth, where we had participated in and enjoyed sport as it should be. It was at the British Athletics League Division I track and field meeting, where several running clubs fought out a hard contest and where the behaviour all round was merry but impeccable.

But sadly it was only anger and shame that we felt in Twickenham, and the shame was even more acute because with us, as guests of my son, were two visiting Swiss athletes.

In Twickenham, side streets were blocked by drunken well-heeled louts who, together with their wing-mirror wrenching, foul-mouthed females, made a disgusting spectacle. Having left my son, the car driven by our club chairman was trapped in a one-way street. My daughter was drenched in beer thrown in through an open window, my wife was terrified, and the car was banged, kicked and rocked.

More beer was poured on to the sun-roof and wet flimsy underwear was spread across our windscreen. All this took place while the police who were present lifted not one finger to prevent it or help us.

If it had been soccer voices and not the accents of Sloane Square and the Home Counties we feel certain the police attitude would have been very different. Hooligans are hooligans, regardless of class and accent.

Surely the seven-a-sides were not set up to produce the intimidation which frightens decent people and even forces pubs to close at 9 pm! Some of the high moral tone taken by the Rugby Union about purity and amateurism would be better directed at their supporters' behaviour and certainly the police should deal effectively with this harassment of the public.

How many arrests, I wonder, have been made from these mobs compared with those from soccer?

Yours faithfully,
PETER COE,
1 Brecon Road, W6.
May 10.

'A smitten god'

From Rabbi Dr Sidney Brichto

Sir, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits's "Chernobyl, a smitten god" (May 11) was most disturbing on several counts. He appears to see the hand of God working in the destruction of human idols. Was the disaster at Chernobyl, the outbreak of Aids, the Holocaust, Israel's humiliation in the Lebanon, divine retribution respectively to the Russians for their faith in science and technology, to human society for accepting sexual permissiveness and homosexuality, to Reform movements for seeking change in Judaism, and to Israel for believing in military might? I must reject this as a totally unacceptable theology.

Also, his statement that the German founders of Reform Judaism imitated the practices of Christianity in order to achieve equality is equally fallacious. The emancipation of the Jews was the opportunity for them to look at Judaism with fresh eyes unencumbered by the physical and mental restrictions of the ghetto. Reform and liberal Judaism was the result which still enriches the lives of over two million religious Jews.

I was saddened to read the words of the Chief Rabbi of the *United Hebrew Congregations of* Britain and the Commonwealth (the orthodox wing of Judaism) because it made me wish to declare that this *is* his proper title. He is *not*, as you describe him on the basis of common usage, Chief Rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth.

Faithfully yours,
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Lawyers' negligence

From Mr Stanley Best

Sir, In her perceptive article (April 30) Frances Gibb omits — as others have done — to draw attention to the plight of solicitors acting for legally aided clients and the fact that it is not only the quantum of damages (for professional negligence) which concerns solicitors, but also the standard of care required of them in all cases.

If a doctor, deprived of resources because (as has been alleged) of under-funding of the NHS, was to fail to treat a patient as adequately as he might like to have done and was sued for damages, he could defend himself by saying, for example, that a particular drug he would have wished to prescribe to combat the patient's illness was not allowed to be prescribed or administered by him.

By contrast, the solicitor, faced with under-funding of the legal aid scheme and the delays and other problems inherent in such a situation, is still expected to provide the same standard of care to the legally aided client as if that client was a fee-paying client of reasonably adequate means to fund his own case.

Yours faithfully,
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ON THIS DAY

MAY 13 1911

A demonstration of flying for military purposes, organized by the Parliamentary Aerial Defence Committee with the help of Mr Claude Graham-White, was attended by more than 200 MPs. Our Special Correspondent complained of the Press being confined to a special pen, but overcame that restriction by posing as a member of Parliament

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MILITARY AIRMEN AT HENDON.

DESPATCHES TO AND FROM ALDERSHOT.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

. . . Lord Haldane arrived on the ground at half-past 2 o'clock, and, as he was obliged to leave early, the proceedings opened at once with the dropping of a bomb by Mr. Grahame-White, who attaches great importance to this practice. At intervals throughout the afternoon bombs, consisting of sandbags, were dropped by several airmen upon an area marked out so as to resemble the deck of a ship. Mr. Grahame-White dropped a missile weighing 100lb. within two feet of the spot aimed at. But as his height at the time did not exceed 200ft., the achievement was less interesting than that of Mr. Paterson, who dropped two bombs with fair accuracy from a height of at least 1,000ft. Mr. Grahame-White later made a good shot from a height of about 500ft., but the truth is that, in the words of the programme, "experiments of the above nature are in their infancy."

Mr. Balfour, who also arrived early, lost no time in having a flight with Mr. Grahame-White, who made two circuits of the ground at a height of about 100ft., while Mr. Balfour crouched bareheaded behind him.

. . . The most instructive achievement of the day was undoubtedly the journey to Aldershot and back made by Mr. G. Hamel, who won the race from Brooklands to Brighton last Saturday. Starting on his Blériot monoplane at 3.35, he carried a message, signed "Haldane of Cloan," and addressed to Lieutenant Waterlow, who was near the Queen's Hotel, Aldershot, and whom it directed to report the hour of arrival, sign receipt, and return by bearer. Mr. Hamel returned at 5.35, having covered a distance of 64 miles. He made a fine spiral descent from a great height and landed amid loud applause. He brought from Lieutenant Waterlow a despatch reading "Time received 4.20." On alighting he was warmly congratulated by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught. In the course of conversation he told me that he had had a smooth journey, except near Woking, where he was flying low and was troubled by air currents. There was much delay at Aldershot, due to the inability of the Army mechanics to restart his engine. He got back to Hendon in half an hour, in spite of a mist — a very fine achievement. He, as well as Mr. Cody, had already flown to Hendon from Brooklands.

Mr. Drexel, the Anglo-American airman, also started for Aldershot, but came to grief through a piece of carelessness on the part of the mechanics which would be incredible if it had not also occurred in the case of Mr. Latham at Berlin. The wires controlling his elevating plane having been, by some "oversight" as they call it, crossed, he no sooner tried to steer up than he dived down, and landing heavily smashed his propeller and planes and was himself badly shaken.

SCOUTING.

In order to demonstrate the value of aeroplanes for scouting purposes a number of troops had been distributed over an area of ten miles to the north-west of Hendon. Major Evelyn Wood and Captain Sykes were taken up by Mr. Paterson and Mr. Hubert respectively, and set forth to look for the "enemy," which was supposed to be advancing in the direction of Oxford. The officers were equipped with aeronautical maps on a 1in. scale showing the country in green, the towns in red, and the contours in white. They returned in due course and reported that they had found the Cavalry which consisted of two squadrons of the Blues but that the khaki of the Infantry had escaped their observation . . .

FANCY FLYING.

During the afternoon Mr. Grahame-White gave several exhibitions of fancy flying, making sharp turns and sensational steep dives, which much impressed the spectators with his wonderful control over his machine. Many of these evolutions were performed close over the heads of the crowd — a dangerous and unnecessary practice which will assuredly lead some day to a serious disaster . . .

Rasher by far

From Mr Peter Ball

Sir, The rationale underpinning vegetarianism as a way of life is almost unanswerable and I, for one, would dearly wish to follow this lifestyle; however my resolve breaks when I contemplate the subtle flavours, smells and texture of a gently grilled bacon sandwich.

Is there an alternative non-animal protein substitute available which would allow the consumer the same pure sensual enjoyment?

Yours faithfully,
PETER BALL,
Maison Du Grande Clos,
Parc Des Frais Ventes,
Bagatelle Road,
St Saviour, Jersey.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 12: His Excellency Dr Gibering Bol-Alima was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letter of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Cameroon to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following Members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: M Pierre Elloundou (First Counsellor), M Thaddeus Kinga (First Counsellor, Chief of the Economic and Commercial Delegation), M Crecy Tawah Che (Second Counsellor), Lieutenant-Colonel Robert-Joseph Mbu (Air, Naval and Military Attaché), M Daniel Tchato (Second Counsellor, Chief of Financial Service), M Samson Abangma (Second Counsellor, Chief of Cultural Service), M Martin Mpana (First Secretary) and M Jean-Marie Séverini (First Secretary).

Madame Bol-Alima had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Mark Russell (Deputy Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs), who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present, and the Gentleman of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

The Lieutenant-Government of Saskatchewan and Mrs Johnson had the honour of being received by The Queen.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry, received Major-General Peter Cavendish upon relinquishing his appointment as Honorary Colonel and Brigadier Desmond Bastick upon assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of WWF International, attended by Brigadier Clive Robertson, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this evening in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Denmark.

The Duchess of York this morning opened the Worshipful Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers' "Excellence 87" Exhibition at Stationers' Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor (Sir David Rowe-Ham) and the Master of the Worshipful Company (Mr Allen Thompson).

Mrs John Floyd was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this morning visited the London Business School (Principal, Professor P.G. Moore) at Sussex Place, Regent's Park, NW1 and afterwards was entertained at luncheon.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Vice-Chancellor of the University (the Lord Flowers) and the Principal (Mr P.J. Holwell).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Chancellor of the University of London, this afternoon opened the new Ludwig Laboratories at St Mary's Hospital Medical School (Dean, Professor Peter Richards), Norfolk Place, W2.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Principal of the University and the President of the Medical School Council (Mr Evelyn de Rothschild).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips presented prizes at an exhibition of cartoons, to mark the 60th Anniversary of Green and Stone of Chelsea, at the Hamilton Galleries, Carlos Place, W1.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Proprietor of Green and Stone (Mr Rodney Baldwin).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this evening attended the Annual Dinner of the Road Haulage Association (National Chairman, Mr G. Samuels) at the Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Director General of the Association (Mr F.J. Plaskett).

Mrs Malcolm Wallace and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
May 12: Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded Lady Angela Oswald as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 12: The Princess of Wales this morning opened the new Enterprise Units, and the new factory of the Landywood Group Ltd, at Holly Lane, Great Wyrley, Staffordshire.

Afterwards, Her Royal Highness visited Oak House, Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Viscountess Campden and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron, was present this evening at a concert to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Asthma Research Council at St James's Palace, SW1.

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 12: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon presented the Royal National Lifeboat Institution's Annual Awards at the Royal Festival Hall.

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

Mrs Ian Murray gave birth to a son in London on May 6.

Royal Astronomical Society Lecture

The 1987 George Darwin Lecture was delivered at the meeting of the Royal Astronomical Society in London on May 8, by Professor W.L. Sargent, of Caltech. His subject was "Observing the evolution of large scale structure in the universe".

Sale room

£2.3m buy goes to a chill room

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

The influence of Japanese taste on the art market was again underlined in New York on Monday night when Shigeki Kameyama paid a record $3,850,000 (estimate $2million-$3million) or £2,291,666 for a portrait of Eugenia Primavesi by Gustav Klimt.

The great turn-of-the-century Viennese painter has rendered the sitter's dress and backround as a glittering mosaic of colour while her face and hands are painted with careful realism. No example of Klimt's pioneering design sense of comparable importance has been seen on the market in recent years.

While Kameyama's stock-in-trade are the works of "Japanese taste" artists such as Laurencin, Utrillo and Vlaminck, he has shocked the market before by paying record prices for Western works of serious importance, notably a Mondrian and a Rothko.

The major works are apparently purchased for his private collection – which is not ostentatiously hung on the walls, but kept in boxes in a chilly basement for occasional serious appreciation in the Japanese tradition.

Prices were strong throughout Sotheby's major spring sale of modern pictures but it was only the Japanese purchases that soared above estimate, reflecting the strength of the yen. The Fujii Gallery paid $1,045,000 (estimate $300,000-$400,000) or £622,023 for the head of a "Clown" by Georges Rouault, setting a new record for his work. An unfinished Cézanne still life, "Pommes sur un Linge" went to another Japanese gallery at $2,310,000 (estimate $1,200,000-$1,400,000) or £1,375,000.

Cézanne's important finished painting of an overgrown quarry, "Carrière de Bibémus", looked cheap by comparison at $3,190,000 (estimate $2million-$3million) or £1,898,809, but it didn't take the fancy of the Japanese and sold to a New York dealer.

This was the star turn of the small collection formed by Sam Spiegel, the movie mogul, which realised £5,149,702 with all 14 pictures finding buyers, including an Ensor record at £314,285 and a Soutine record at £216,071. The evening sale made a total of £37,855,059 with 10 per cent left unsold.

Receptions

HM Government
Baroness Trumpington was host at a luncheon held yesterday at Admiralty House, Whitehall, to mark the meeting of the nineteenth session of the Committee on Pharmaceutical Questions.

Asthma Research Council
The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Asthma Research Council, was present at a reception and concert held last night at St James's Palace to mark the diamond jubilee of the council. Mr Dennis Walters, MP, chairman, and Dr Donald Lane, chairman of the Asthma Society and Friends of the Asthma Research Council, were the speakers.

Toynbee Hall
Mr Alan Lee Williams, Warden and Chief Executive of Toynbee Hall, received the guests at a reception held last night at Toynbee Hall to open the European Anti-Poverty Programme conference.

John Grooms Association for the Disabled
Judge Alan Hitching, Chairman of John Grooms Association for the Disabled, received the guests at a reception given yesterday by the council and directors of the association at Lambeth Palace, by permission of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Mr Charles Moore, executive director, also spoke.

Dinners

Road Haulage Association
Princess Anne was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Road Haulage Association held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Glyn Samuel, chairman, presided. Among those present were:

Lord Lucas of Chilworth, Sir James Duncan, Sir Stephen Roberts, Sir Daniel Pettit, Sir Reginald Wilson, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Air Vice-Marshal R G Ashford, Major-General V H J Carpenter, Mr J D Mathor, Mr R S Bowles, Mr R R D Heaton and Mr A C W Neely.

Haberdashers' Aske's School

All old boys and their families are invited to a families' day at the Haberdashers' Aske's School at 2.30 pm on Saturday, June 13, 1987. Telephone the Bursar, 01-207 4323, for tickets and details.

James Comyn, aged five, from London, bowing to Princess Anne after presenting a bouquet. The Princess was at an exhibition of cartoons at the Hamilton Gallery, Carlos Place, central London, yesterday to raise money for the Save the Children Fund. She is president of the fund. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J.B. McKaig and Miss A.L. Woodward
The engagement is announced between Matthew, younger son of Admiral Sir Rae and Lady McKaig, of Hill House, Hambledon, Hampshire, and Ann Louise, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs E.G. Woodward, of North Hill, Highgate, London.

Mr J.D. Asquith and Miss L.A. Miles
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs D. Asquith, of London, EC4, and Lindsay, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Miles, of Singapore.

Mr J.C. Bodenham and Miss K.A. Knight
The engagement is announced between John Charles, second son of Major and Mrs C.A. Bodenham, of Manor Place, Wanborough, Guildford, and Katherine Anne, daughter of Mr A.H. Knight, of Ardullie Lodge, Dingwall, Ross-shire, and Mrs J.B. Dakeyne, of Hartlip House, Sittingbourne, Kent.

Mr C.P.M. Boullier and Miss S.E.P. Barker
The engagement is announced between Christophe, elder son of M and Mme A.R.J. Boullier, of 14 Rue St Pierre, Neuilly-sur-Seine, Paris, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K.W. Barker, of 99 Cadogan Gardens, SW3.

Mr J. Kelly and Miss C. Ingram
The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J.P. Kelly, of Leeds, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.E. Ingram, of Bedford.

Mr P.C. Martin and Miss S.D.D. Memon
The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Martin, of Harnage, Shropshire, and Shaheen, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kam Memon, of Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Mr R.P.A. Mitchison and Miss W.S. Tugwell
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of the late Mr N.W.S. Mitchison and of Mrs N.W.S. Mitchison, of Wootton, Kent, and Wendy, daughter of the late Mr K.F. Tugwell and of Mrs K.F. Tugwell, of Walmer, Kent.

Mr C.M. Stooke and Miss A.J. Turner
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Stooke, of Bromley, Kent, and Amanda, daughter of Dr and Mrs E.P. Turner, of Wilmslow, Cheshire.

Mr H. Tober and Miss M.J.H. Page
The engagement is announced from Mexico, and the marriage will take place on June 9 in California, between Hans, son of Mr and Mrs Henk Tober, Abbekesdoel 38, Bleskengraaf, Holland, and Meryan Jane Heyhoe, eldest daughter of Captain and Mrs Michael page, Hilperton Grange, near Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 7QY.

Marriages

Mr C.M. Horton and Miss C.H. Macfarlane
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 9, in King Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey, of Mr Charles Mark Horton, son of Mr and Mrs C. Richard Horton, and Miss Christina Macfarlane, daughter of Major General and Mrs William T. Macfarlane. Canon Sebastian Charles and the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor of Westminster Abbey, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Victoria Horton and Mrs Lindi Pratt. Mr Robert Breare was best man.

A reception was held at the Naval and Military Club.

Mr S. May and Miss M. Kerr
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 9, in St Philip's Priory, Begbroke, Oxford, of Mr Simon May, elder son of Mr and Mrs C.J. May, of 1 The Rushes, Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Miss Marion Kerr, elder daughter of Lord and Lady John Kerr, of Holly Bank, Wootton, Woodstock, Oxford. Father Christopher Bester officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Miss Catherine Kerr and Miss Catherine May, sister of the bridegroom. Mr Richard May, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.G. Woodbridge and Miss D.A. Carruthers
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 25, at The Temple Church, between Mr Julian Woodbridge, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Woodbridge, of Guildford, Surrey, and Miss Debra Carruthers, younger daughter of Mr P.W. Carruthers and the late Mrs Marie Carruthers, of Lancaster, Lancashire. The Master of The Temple, Canon J. Robinson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and was attended by Miss Rosalind Yarde. Mr Ian Rank Broadley was best man.

A reception was held at the Waldorf Hotel.

Mr T.C.H. Yang and Miss D.V.H.H. Yu
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 9, at Brompton Oratory, of Mr Trevor Chi-Hsin Yang, son of Mr Justice Yang and Mrs Yang, of Hong Kong and London, and Miss Dominica Veronica Yu, daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick S.S. Yu, of Hong Kong and London. Father Kenneth Nugent officiated.

The bride, who was given away in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Mini San, Dominic and Richard Cauldwell, Fiona Fung and Nicola Yang. Mr Anthony Leung was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's hotel and the honeymoon will be spent in Morocco.

Service dinners

Royal Corps of Signals
Major-General J.M.W. Badcock, Master of Signals, attended the annual dinner of the Royal Signals Officers' Dinner Club held last night at the London International Press Centre. Major-General J.H. Hild, Representative Colonel Commandant, presided.

3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment
The Honorary Colonel, Colonel W.A. Bromley-Davenport, and Officers of the 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, held their first dinner on Thursday, May 7, 1987, in the Officers Mess at Runcorn. Brigadier W.K.L. Prosser, Colonel of the Regiment, was the principal guest and Lieutenant-Colonel P.W. Wilde, Commanding Officer, presided.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Dante, Florence, 1265; Sir Arthur Sullivan, London, 1842; Sir Ronald Ross, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1902, Almora, India, 1857; George Braque, Cubist, Argenteuil, France, 1882.

DEATHS: John Nash, architect and town planer, Cowes, 1835; Fridtj Nansen, explorer and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Lysaker, Norway, 1930; Frances Hodgkins, artist, Dorchester, 1947; Gary Cooper, Los Angeles, 1961.

No 1 (Fighter) Squadron

Today is the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the first Squadron of the RAF. No 1 (Fighter) Squadron, now based at RAF Wittering, flew with distinction in both World Wars and more recently took their Harriers to the South Atlantic for the Falklands conflict. To commemorate this anniversary, the Squadron will hold a reunion at RAF Wittering on June 6. In Omnibus Princeps.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will visit Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight to attend ceremonies to mark the 200th anniversary of the departure for Australia of the First Fleet. They arrive at Portsmouth and Southsea Station at 10.53 and at Ryde Pierhead at 3.30.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will open the new Cancer Research Institute of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, W12, at 10.00; and will preside at the University Presentation Ceremony at the Albert Hall at 2.00.

The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, will visit Hilton Grange, Leeds, at 2.00; and will open the Leeds Touchline Project at 3.15.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the International Social Services of Great Britain, will visit the Spring Fair at Kensington Town Hall at 10.15; and, as Patron of the Newbury Spring Festival, will attend a concert at the Church of St Nicholas, Newbury, at 7.30.

OBITUARY

MR JAMES ANGLETON

Conflicts in counter-intelligence

Mr James Angleton, who for 20 years led the counter-intelligence service of the United States and symbolised the passion of many Americans for seeing world politics in terms of a KGB plot, died on May 11 in Washington. He was 69.

Angleton was zealous in the quest, dramatically recalled recently by Peter Wright and others, that took place on both sides of the Atlantic in the Sixties for traitors in high places. He was among those who took seriously the allegations against Sir Roger Hollis and the theory that Hugh Gaitskell had been murdered by Communist agents who felt the Labour Party should be be led by somebody farther to the Left.

Angleton's rigour was widely resented in the US Government service, and it was because his methods had not only led to innocent officers being purged but were thought to have brought spy-hunting into disrepute that in 1974 he was forced to resign his post as head of the CIA counter-intelligence office.

He remained a fiercely controversial figure, his defenders claiming that he was amply vindicated by what emerged later about Communist infiltration and that he deserved the West's gratitude for his success in limiting the damage of the security scandals of the Sixties.

James Jesus Angleton was born in 1917 in Boise, Idaho, and part of his education was in England, at Malvern College; his father worked in Europe, for the National Cash Register Company in Italy.

In 1937 he went to Yale University, where he shared a room with E. Reed Whittemore Jr., the poet. The two founded a literary magazine and poetry remained one of his interests. Angleton was always regarded as one of the most erudite of agents: "truly a Renaissance man," a colleague once called him.

In Washington his lean, latterly cadaverous figure was to be seen at lectures on James Joyce; there were those who saw the puzzle style of Joyce as the right match for the convoluted, murky work of his office at CIA headquarters at Langley.

It was a Yale professor who recruited Angleton into the Office of Strategic Services, and in World War II he directed agents operating against Nazi Germany. He remained in Italy, working closely with Italian counter-intelligence and was credited with helping to prevent that country from going Communist. It was at this time that he probably forged links which developed into a relationship with Israeli intelligence, and Angleton's handling of the "Israeli account" at the CIA was to be another source of jealousy.

After the war the OSS evolved into the CIA and Angleton returned to the United States to specialize in studying the KGB. Any inquiry he took up tended to be carried out exhaustively. He built huge files on Soviet espionage operations. Then, in 1954, Allen Dulles, Director of the CIA, asked him to set up its first counter-intelligence staff.

He made much use of the controversial disclosures of the Russian defector Golitsin, who offered himself to the CIA in 1962 with vast quantities of information about Russian agents, including further evidence of the guilt of Kim Philby, with whom Angleton had been on friendly terms and whom he already suspected.

But the atmosphere of suspicion at this period was seen by some as verging on paranoia. Certainly Angleton was convinced that the hostility between the Soviet Union and China was a ruse to deceive the West.

His department and his budget were large, his power at Langley enormous. But as years went on he became something of a joke among the newer generation of CIA men.

His downfall came in 1974. His old colleague and rival from OSS days in Europe, William E. Colby, was appointed Director of the Agency. They had differed before on the best way to counter Communism. There was an unpleasant period during which leaks emerged describing how Angleton had been having the domestic mail of American citizens opened. Angleton, convinced there was a plot against him, resigned. The counter-intelligence staff he had built up was slashed.

In 1975 Angleton was awarded the CIA's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal.

He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters.

MR T. KEITH LYLE

Mr T. Keith Lyle, CBE, who died on May 9, at the age of 83, was an ophthalmic surgeon of international reputation, particularly in the disorders of eye movement. His war work in this field was exceptionally valuable as far as eye problems suffered by pilots were concerned.

Thomas Keith Lyle was born on December 26, 1903, and educated at Dulwich College, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and King's College Hospital. His father was Herbert Willoughby Lyle, an ophthalmic surgeon at King's College Hospital, and also a psychologist and Dean of the Medical School.

This background fostered Lyle's ability to blend his deep knowledge of the theoretical aspects of his subject with a decisive practical approach. He had little time for the junior who showed only a casual interest, but there is a generation of housemen who are eternally grateful to him for the solid grounding he gave them in their formative years. He also had little time for people who created only fanciful theories; these he stigmatized as "hot air merchants".

Between 1929 and 1933 he was house physician, house surgeon, senior surgical registrar and first assistant in the neurological department at King's College Hospital; it is the mark of an outstanding student that he is selected for such a comprehensive training in his own teaching hospital.

Subsequently he became house surgeon at the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital which fostered his abiding interests in the subject.

Lyle served with the RAFVR from 1939 to 1946, and was later consultant in ophthalmology to the RAF overseas. He reached the rank of Air Commodore and was mentioned in despatches.

He played a vital part in the war years in diagnosis and treatment of disorders of ocular motility in pilots, particularly fighter pilots, at a time when combat skills depended largely on straightforward visual accuracy. He continued his work with the RAF as a civilian consultant after the war and he was also civilian consultant to the Ministry of Aviation.

He was surgeon to Moorfield Eye Hospital, ophthalmic surgeon to King's College Hospital and to the National Hospital for Nervous Diseases. He was Dean of the Institute of Ophthalmology at a time when post graduate teaching was in a thriving phase. His skill and enthusiasm as Dean did much to enhance the Institute and Moorfields as centres of excellence.

Among his many other activities were those of examiner in ophthalmology to the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England and of Edinburgh, and he was president of many professional societies and bodies dealing with his speciality.

His time as Hospitaller to the Order of St John was an appointment dear to his heart, and he expended much time and effort in maintaining the excellence of the Ophthalmic Hospital of St John in Jerusalem, which attracts patients from many parts of the Middle East.

He was responsible for several textbooks. One of these, *Practical Orthoptics in the treatment of Squint* (co-ed Sylvia Jackson, 1937) became a standard work on the subject in this country and abroad, and went through many editions.

He was appointed CBE in 1949, and he was awarded the Nettleship and Richardson Cross Medals.

He married Jane Bouverie Maxwell in 1949. They had three daughters and a son.

DR LEON GOLBERG

Dr Leon Golberg, international authority on the impact of chemicals on the environment, and first director of the British Industrial Biological Research Association (BIBRA), died on May 3 in the United States. He was 72.

Born in Cyprus of Russian emigré parents, he was educated at Witwatersrand University, South Africa, before taking degrees at Oxford and Cambridge.

After lecturing and working in industry he was chosen to direct BIBRA when it was set up in 1961 by the Government and the food and chemical industries.

He also founded the international journal *Food and Cosmetics Toxicology* (now *Food and Chemical Toxicology*) and remained its editor until his death.

From 1967 he was scientific director at the Institute of Experimental Pathology and Toxicology, Albany Medical College, New York, and in 1976 he founded the Chemical Industry Institute of Toxicology in North Carolina.

Mrs Euphemia Violet Welby, CBE, Superintendent, WRNS, Plymouth, during the Second World War, died on May 6. She was 95.

She was born on September 28, 1891, daughter of Admiral Herbert Lyon. In the First World War she worked in Plymouth as honorary secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association and then went to Malta as a Red Cross cook. In 1917 she married Lt-Cdr R.M. Welby.

Mrs Welby's social work in Plymouth included, apart from the SSAFA, chairmanship of the Astor Institute

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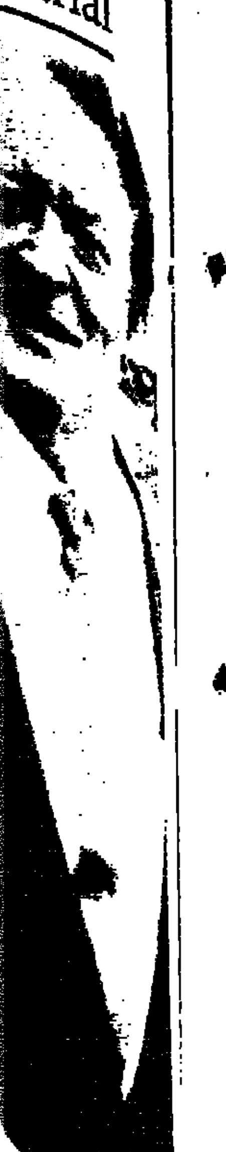

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

These things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.
Titus 3:8

BIRTHS

ARMITAGE - On May 2nd, to Marlene (née Ions) and Paul, a son, Anthony Ions, a brother for Philip.

BAZELL - On May 6th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Felicity (née Naumann) and Barnaby, a daughter, Beatrice Alexandra.

BEST - On May 9th, at Somerleigh Court, Dorchester, to Fenella (née Danks) and John, a son, Harry Robert Francis, a brother for Sophie.

BISHOP - On April 30th, in Shrewsbury, to Jennifer (née Beaumont) and Peter, a daughter, Isabel Jane.

BROWN - On May 7th, at University College Hospital, London, to Karin and Michael, a daughter, Tessa, a sister for Timothy and Tanya.

EDWARDS - On May 8th, to Stephanie (née Muir) and John, a daughter, Louise Kathleen, a sister for Penelope.

EMMETT - On May 6th, to Vivienne (née Pinn) and John, a daughter, Elizabeth Rachel, a sister for Christopher.

GAVIN - On May 6th 1987, at the Portland Hospital, to Louise and Bill, a son, Thomas Charles.

HANKINS - On May 11th, to Laura (née Phelps) and St.John, a daughter, Charlotte Laura.

HARE - On May 10th, to Carolyn (née Stuart) and David, God's gift of a son Jonathan, a brother for Danial.

HARTCUP - On May 9th, to Victoria and Jason of 135 Lauderdale Mansions, W9, a son (Vincent Joseph).

HENDERSON - On May 11th, at the Portland Hospital, to Annie and Richard, a son, William, a brother for Robert, Horatia and Christian.

JAMIESON - On May 8th, at Simpson Memorial, Edinburgh, to Sally (née Heath) and Alan, a son, Robert Alan Heath, a brother for Kirsty and Alastair.

KENT - On May 9th, to Rachel (née Paterson) and Ronald, a daughter, Sarah Gertrude Alice, a sister for Benjamin.

LAISHLEY - On May 5th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Abina (née O'Callaghan) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria Mary Abina.

LAWSON - On May 9th, to Charlotte (née Agnew) and Maurice, a daughter, Eloise Ruth Day.

McGOWAN - On May 8th, to Charlotte and Mungo, a daughter.

MURRAY BROWN - On April 5th, to Jacqueline (née Aggs) and Charles, a daughter, Grizelda Frances Maude.

NICOLSON DAVIDSON - On May 9th, to Vanessa Nicolson and Andrew Davidson, a daughter, Elena Rose.

OSBORNE - On May 8th, to Lindsey (née Mansell) and Paul, a son, (Charles Peter George), a brother for Lucy and Hannah.

PACKE - On May 11th, at Chipping Norton Hospital, to Aloyse (née Blackie) and Andrew, a son, Frederick Christopher William, a brother for Olivia.

PARKER - On May 4th, to Anthea and John, a daughter, Jessica.

READ - On May 8th 1987, at St. Paul's Hospital, Cheltenham, to Rosemary (née Cooper) and Peter, a son, Richard John James.

SCARLETT - On May 12th, at Clinica S. Anna, Lugano, Switzerland, to Sheila and Marcus, a son, Piers Andrew, a brother for Alexandra and Olivia.

SECKIN - On April 30th, to Lucilla (née Melling) and Ayhan, a daughter, Camilla Rosamunde Kevser, a sister for Natalie Aslye.

SELLARS - On April 24th, to Carol (née Pain) and Ian, a son, Andrew James, a brother for Amanda and Jonathan.

SIMPSON - On May 9th, to Caroline (née Bromley) and Gareth, a son, Hugo George Crichton, a brother for Charlie.

SOUTHEY - On May 12th 1987, in Melbourne, to Jane and Robert, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

STEIN:MAY - On 12th May 1987, in London, Richard Stein to Alison May (née Yule).

DEATHS

BEDWORTH - On May 11th, peacefully in Glebefields Nursing Home, Margaret C. Bedworth of Deddington, dear sister, aunt and friend. Cremation at Oxford Crematorium, Bayswater Road, Headington, Oxford on Friday May 15th at 3.30pm.

BURROWS - On May 10th, peacefully at home in Pinner, after a long illness bravely fought, Hazel Anne, dearly loved wife of Bob and wonderful mother to Beverly and Simon. Service at 11.15 on Friday 15th May at Emmanuel Church, Northwood. Flowers and enquiries to J R Barton & Son, South Harrow.

BURTON - On May 7th, in Brompton Hospital, Hal, after illness borne bravely and with dignity. Will be sadly missed by relatives and many friends. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium East Chapel on Thursday May 14th at 3.20pm. All enquiries to John Hemp 01 229

COLE - On May 8th, peacefully at home, Peter Hugh. Dear father of Stephen, Simon, Dominic and Victoria, and Formerly of R.H. Cole and Company Limited. Funeral service on Friday May 15th at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, Crawley at 2 pm. All enquiries please, to J & R Matthews Funeral Directors, Tel. Haywoods Heath 413055.

COLMAN - On May 9th, Suddenly Kenneth of Hill Farm aged 76 years, Lord of the borough of Neath, dearly loved husband of Bunty, devoted father of Barry and Angela adored grandfather. Funeral Service on Friday May 15th at St Nicholas Church, Old Marston at 12.45pm followed by interment in Wolvercote Cemetery, Five Mile Drive, Oxford. Floral tributes may be sent to Reeves and Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford.

DARKE - On May 9th 1987, Mary (née Dean) at home, peacefully in her sleep after a long illness. Funeral service will be held at Godstone Church, Surrey, on Friday May 15th at midday. Flowers to Stoneman Funeral services, Doran Court, Redhill.

De TRAFFORD - On May 8th 1987, Joan. Funeral Service to be held at St Joseph's R.C. Church, Avon Dassett, Warwickshire on May 15th at 2.30pm followed by interment in the Churchyard.

DEVAS - See Shephard.

DRUMMOND - On April 28th 1987 in Spain, Alexander Peter, beloved father of Harrie, Alexandra and Jane. Family funeral service on Thursday May 14th in Oxford. Donations for M.I.N.D. (National Association for Mental Health) may be sent to R.V.Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford.

EASTERBY - On May 11th, peacefully at home, Walter aged 96 years of Stockwell Stud, Kirkby Wharfe, Tadcaster, dearly loved husband of Janie, dear father of Henry and Davina, also a devoted grandad. Funeral service and interment at St. John The Baptist Parish Church, Kirkby Wharfe on Thursday 14th May at 10.45am. Family flowers only please, donations in lieu may be given to Kirkby Wharfe Church and the Martin House Hospice Appeal, c/o S.E. Jackson Funeral Directors, 42 St. Joseph Street, Tadcaster, York

FARMER - On Tuesday May 5th, Violet Irene (née Cole) aged 93. Funeral at St. Pancras Cemetery, Wednesday May 13th at 11 am.

FRANKLIN - On May 7th, at the Middlesex Hospital, Michael John, dearly loved friend of Josephine Goodden. Tel: 01 580 9949 (through May 19th). Memorial Service later.

GIBBON - On May 11th, Aubrey Donald of Tytherington, Gloucestershire, after a short illness aged 83, youngest son of the late General and Mrs Gibbon. Funeral arrangements later.

GREENING - On May 1st 1987, peacefully in hospital, Alice, aged 80. Beloved wife of John, much loved mum of Allan, Geoffrey, Margaret and Sylvia and dear grandmother of Peter, Sarah, Fleur and Harriett.

HERDMAN - On May 10th, peacefully at home after cheerful endurance of a long and crippling illness, Frances Lizzie, much loved wife, mother and grandmother. Service at St John's Church, Hampton Wick at 1.45pm on Tuesday May 19th and afterwards at Kingston Crematorium. Flowers if desired to Paines, 122 High Street, Teddington.

JOHNSON - On May 10th, peacefully in hospital, Agnes Leslie widow of Dr. Bernard McDougall Johnson and much loved mother of Duncan, Quentin and Lindsay. Cremation at Portchester Crematorium on Friday, 15th May, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only.

JONES - On 10th May 1987, peacefully at home, aged 62 years, Timothy Angus Jones, of Pentridge Farm, Bagber, Sturminster Newton, Dorset. Son of the late Sir Roderick Jones and Enid Bagnold C.B.E., beloved husband of Angela and father of Annabel, Alexander, Victoria, Rebecca and Oliver. Funeral Service at Our Lady's Church, Marnhull, Dorset at 12 noon, on Friday, 15th, May, 1987. Friends and flowers welcome.

LAVERY - On May 11th 1987, at Gorey, Ireland. The very Rev. Dom Brendan Lavery, Monk of Downside. Funeral Downside Abbey Tuesday 19th May at 10.00am. Requiescat in pace.

LLOYD HART - On May 10th peacefully in Hospital Dr Vincent Edwards (John) LLoyd Hart, beloved husband of Marcia, loved father and grandfather. Private cremation. Family flowers only please but if desired donations for The British Heart Foundation maybe sent to SR Dillamore Ltd (F/D), 16 Old Road, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.

MAGGS - On May 9th, tragically, Charlotte Amelia, just 17 years old. The beloved only child of Edna (Bo) and Bryan Maggs. Funeral Service Friday May 15th United Reform Church, Old Portsmouth Road, Guildford, 1.00pm. Flowers to Pimms, Mary Road, Guildford or donations to Save The Children Fund.

MENDELSOHN - On May 9th, Stefan Mendelsohn peacefully in London. Private funeral Wednesday May 20th. Flowers to 212 Eversholt street, London NW1.

MATTHEWS - On Wednesday May 6th 1987, William (Bill) Stephens, aged 87, much loved husband of Edna, father of Ruth and grandfather of William and Edward. Funeral at St John's, Mare Street, Hackney on May 15th at 11.00am.

MICHELL - On May 10th, Major Neville Gordon Michell, Royal Marines (Retired), beloved husband of Ann and dear father of Rebecca and Andrew. Cremation at Whippingham, Isle of Wight on Friday May 15th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Cancer Relief, Mountbatten House, Newport, I.W.

PULVERMACHER - On 8th May, peacefully, Anita Pulvermacher, beloved sister of Hilda and much loved friend of many.

RICHARDSON - On May 10th, suddenly Francis Michael, loved by his wife Mary, his children Francis, Sarah and Pru and his seven grandchildren. Much missed.

ROBERTSON - On May 10th 1987, peacefully at home, after a short illness bravely borne, Ewen (Bill) Robertson D.F.C. of Peaslake, Surrey, much loved husband of Alison and dear father of Fiona, Douglas and Ewen. Thanksgiving service at St Mark's, Peaslake 3pm Tuesday May 19th. No flowers, donations if desired to RAF Benevolent Fund.

ROBERTSON-MACDONALD - On May 11th 1987, Gertrude "Bunny" in her 92nd year, peacefully in her sleep, widow of Alan. Funeral private.

RUBIN - On May 6th peacefully, Esther, widow of Arkady, mother of Molly.

SAUNDERS - On May 8th, peacefully, Air Chief Marshall Sir Hugh William Lumsden Saunders, GCB, KBE, MC, DFC, MM, RAF (retd.), aged 92 years, beloved husband of the late Phyllis and much-loved father and grandfather. Funeral service Friday May 15th at 2.45 pm at St. Lawrence Church, Downton, near Salisbury, followed by cremation at Salisbury Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to RAF Benevolent Fund, c/o H.A. Harrold and Son Ltd, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wilts.

SCHONFIELD - On May 9th, suddenly and painlessly, Judith (née Hertz) widow of Rabbi Dr. Solomon Schonfeld. Much loved mother of Victor, Jonathan and Jeremy, sister of Josephine and Ruth. Will be remembered with love by all her family and friends.

SHEPHARD - On May 10th, peacefully in hospital after an illness borne with great courage, Nicolette Devas in her 77th year, beloved wife of Rupert, and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Chelsea Old Church Monday on May 18th at 12.00 noon. Private interment in Hampshire. Flowers to J.H Kenyon 49, Marloes Road, W8, by 11.00am Monday 18th May.

SHORTER - On May 9th, suddenly at home, Penny (née Talbot) wife of Bill mother of William and of Mark and Sophy Robertson.

WELBY - On May 6th, peacefully in her own home, Euphemia Violet (Superintendent WRNS 1938-45) aged 95. Widow of Captain RM Welby, Royal Navy and dearly loved and loving mother, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral (family and local friends) Freshwater, Isle of Wight, Thursday May 14th. Thanksgiving service at Ash Parish Church near Yeovil at 2.15pm, Friday May 22nd. Family flowers only please.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TAYLOR - Arthur, Lt. Cdr. - A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday May 21st at St. James's, Piccadilly at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

BOMBERG - Lilian dearest mother, so deeply missed. Dinora.

CARPENTER Miss VE - formerly of Dame Alice Owen's Girls' School, Islington. Born May 12th 1910. Very much missed by her many friends including BVF and family.

DALE - Cherry (née Eden-Little) a charming and devoted mother and wife, sadly missed. Rest in Peace.

HANKEY - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr George Hankey will be held on Wednesday 3rd June 1987 at 12.30pm in the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, the Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew, West Smithfield, London, EC1.

WHEELER - Michael, Happy Birthday to arguably the best broker at Lloyd's.

YOUNGSON - Joan Maynard, died 13th May 1986. In loving memory of the 'Lordliest lass', Bobby, Ann, Susan and Sara.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

GIBBON - Aubrey Donald. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held on Tuesday May 19th at St. James Church, Tytherington at 2.30pm.

Science report

Russians capture Aids virus in nuclear 'sieve'

By Andrew Wiseman

Soviet scientist believe they have improved on the tests for trapping and diagnosing the Aids virus.

Collaboration between Soviet virologists and nuclear physicists has led to the development of the immuno enzyme Aids test (IET-Aids). They say it is based on a plastic "nuclear filter", developed by a group of researchers at the Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna and the Institute of Crystallography under academician Georgi Flerov.

When the Aids virus enters the bloodstream, attacking the white cells, antibodies are produced. These proteins combine with the viruses to check their spread.

Once this happens it becomes difficult to separate virus from antibody. The IET-Aids is designed to "catch" the antibodies in a special trap.

Scientists at the Virology Institute of the Soviet Academy of Medical Sciences and the Moscow Research Institute of Viral Preparations were finding it difficult to find a foolproof test to identify the Aids virus.

They began to investigate "nuclear filters", thin plastic sheets which have been bombarded with heavy ion beams from an accelerator to create a sieve. All the ions in the beam have the same mass and energy, so they produce identical apertures of a pre-determined size which is vital for purification because the Aids virus has a diameter of about 0.1 micrometre.

Each beam creates a staggering 10,000 million holes per square centimetre. The sheet itself is mass produced, long lasting, highly resistant to chemical and radiation exposure, non-toxic and easily sterilised.

The Soviet virologists claim their filters have drastically reduced the time needed to identify Aids viruses and that they are most efficient.

Meanwhile, the nuclear physicists say they are constantly improving the quality of sieves and are now making them, for other purposes, from polymers, glass, inorganic crystals and even metals.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Young, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Dr Ricardo Acevedo Peralta, Foreign Minister of El Salvador.

East European Trade Council
The Ambassador of Romania was among the guests at a luncheon given by the East European Trade Council yesterday at the St James's Court Hotel in honour of members of the Romanian Joint Commission. Earl Jellicoe, chairman, was the host.

Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK)
The High Commissioner for Australia was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon given yesterday by the Australian British Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the the Inn on the Park Hotel. Sir Donald Tebbit, president, and Mr J.M. Corbet-Singleton, chairman, received the guests who included the Agents-General for Queensland and Victoria and the Chairman of the Australia and New Zealand Trade Advisory Committee.

Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers
Mr James Shaw, President of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at 3 Cadogan Gate. The guests included Mr A.B. Fallows, Chief Valuer, Mr E.J. Pryer, Chief Land Registrar, Mr R.A. Cox, Chairman of the Building Societies Association, and Mr Geoffrey Powell, Chairman of the Property Advisory Group.

Memorial Service

Mr J.G. Beevor

A memorial service for Mr John Grosvenor Beevor was held yesterday at St Michael's, Chester Square. The Rev David Prior officiated. Mr Nigel Beevor and Mr Antony Beevor, sons, read the lessons and Sir Peter Wilkinson gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Beevor (widow), Mrs Nigel Beevor (daughter-in-law), Mrs Hugh Tallents (sister), Mr John Tallents, Mr Antony Beevor, Mrs C J Beevor.

The Duke of Portland, Viscount and Lady Viscountess Hood, Lord and Lady Reigate, Lord and Lady Seebohm, Lady Greenhill of Harrow, Lord and Lady Marley, Lord and Lady Wilberforce, Mr Peter Rees, QC, MP, the Hon Mrs Morgan, the Hon Mrs John Grimond, the Hon Mrs M Phillips, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Dermot de Trafford, Lady Graham, Sir Edward and Lady Playfair, Sir Robert Clark (chairman, Hill Samuel Group), Sir Peter Garran, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir David Pitblado, Lady Rowan, Lady (Patrick) Dean, Sir Seymour Egerton, Lady Gubbins, Sir Stewart Crawford, Sir Gilbert Longden, Lady (Malcolm) Henderson, Lady Bowker, Lady Villiers, Sir Edmund and Lady Sargant, Sir Nicolas Cheetham, Sir John Curle, Sir Hilary Scott, Sir Donald and Lady Maitland, Sir David Muirhead, Baroness di Paull.

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Birthdays today

Sir Crispin Agnew of Lochnaw, explorer and genealogist, 43; Miss Eileen Diss, theatrical designer, 56; Dame Daphne du Maurier, novelist, 80; Colonel and Alderman Sir Ronald Gardner-Thorpe, former Lord Mayor of London, 70; Dr Jane Glover, conductor, 38; Sir John Habakkuk, former principal, Jesus College, Oxford, 72; Sir John Johnston, diplomat, 69; Sir Laurence Kirwan, archaeologist, 80; the Earl of Leven and Melville, 63; Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, Prime Minister of Fiji, 67; Sir Paul Osmond, civil servant, 70; the Earl of Perth, 80; Mr Tim Pigott-Smith, actor, 41; Sir Alfred Pugsley, civil engineer, 84; Group Captain Dr M.O. Richardson, former commandant, Royal Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen, 79; Miss Selina Scott, broadcaster, 36; Marquess Townshend, 71; Mr Stevie Wonder, singer, 37.

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OPINION

Bryan Appleyard

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Last week the Duchess of York smiled, shook my hand and gave me a modest cheque. Very nice. There was also a framed certificate announcing that I was General Feature Writer of the Year 1986. Sweet.

Now, along with Kingsley Amis, I had previously regarded such prizes as beneath me – ill-judged, undeserved and arbitrary. Winning one, I discovered a miraculous transformation in my feelings. Suddenly the panel of judges seemed possessed of surpassing wisdom, refined literary sensibility and superhuman acuity. The scales fell from my eyes. Where once I had seen only the usual catalogue of Bugginses, doing their rota of duty on behalf of the Street of Shame, now I saw the School of Athens brought back to life to mull over the destinies of men.

But then I was back on the road, cajoling reluctant interviewees, weeping over dud phone connections and howling at the roadworks on the M25. All done in the name of a job in which they pay you to observe, aghast, human frailty and, from time to time, to pull funny faces at it.

The problem with the Duchess, the cheque and the tuxedoed mob who applauded was that they all seemed to represent some kind of discontinuity. Where was the connection between the agonized composition of a "good line" or a smart pay-off and the idea of the award? In one sense the playground freedom of published prose is too much its own reward. Every glib aside about irresponsible journalists or one's nuisance value can be avenged by a cutting irrelevance drawing attention to a social posture or odd dress sense. The writer never loses.

Furthermore, amid this chaos of coronary-cultivation and good, clean fun, how on earth do you arrive at a league table of achievement? Are we to be judged by our ability to produce the most marketable copy, or is there a higher consideration? And, if so, what on earth is it?

Not, of course, that I should be the one to answer. But, since I have the opportunity, I will offer one global defence of the poor bloody hacks and their occasional, faintly embarrassing bouts of sentimental self-congratulation.

We are, or should be, anarchists. Our arbitrary demands should undermine every slick pretence. Each smooth pose should be subjected to our encylopaedic knowledge of the mess and inconclusiveness of life. An industry, far bigger than journalism, exists to convince us all that the smoothies are right, and I have yet to meet a journalist who was not more lied to than lying.

Almost every hack and every paper falls short of this ideal almost all the time. But even in the eyes of the most cowed time-server you can see the glimmer of its possibility – the idea of one great line, one cracking story that finally routs our persecutors. It is all paranoia, certainly, but sometimes they really are after you.

What the social value of all this might be, and whether it deserves the endorsement of the Duchess's presence, I cannot say. It is, unquestionably, a dangerous charter for any profession, most of all for one as flabby and vague in its career structure as journalism.

But every age needs its fools, smirking and gesticulating on the sidelines. And fools have frequently had royal patrons. So, in honour of this year's patron of the poor, damned fools of the Street, I suggest that the British Press Awards henceforth be called Fergies and I've persuaded Jack Nicholson to pick up mine in my absence next year.

Selling by numbers

Direct mail now accounts for 10 per cent of letters traffic. Andrew Lycett describes how names are chosen and lists made up

When the Trustee Savings Bank wrote to offer me a Visa or Trustcard, I rang to ask how it had obtained my name. John Loaring, director of business development for Trustcard, asked me for the code – AA250AANTZ – at the head of my direct-mail letter.

He then informed me: "The number 250 tells me you're a wine drinker and that you have bought directly from the Pieroth wine company. People who buy wine in bulk are up-market. Pieroth's is one of the best lists we use. We get a good response."

As someone who once bought a crate of wine from Pieroth, a successful German-owned direct mail wine company based in Luton, I hardly see myself as a bulk buyer. Nevertheless, Pieroth regularly trades my name and tens of thousands of others.

Direct mail now accounts for 10 per cent of all letter traffic in Britain. The average British household's five items of direct mail is low by European standards but the Post Office expects the market will grow. It offers all sorts of discounts to direct mailers, including up to 30 per cent off postal charges for mailings of more than one million.

A new service industry, with related trade associations designed to improve its sometimes dubious image, has grown up around the growing use of direct mail. List brokers sell names of prospective customers. Direct mail agencies such as Watson Ward Albert Varndell (WWAV) plan campaigns and provide the creative input. Mailing houses print and distribute the product, often to millions of homes.

By common consent, the most important item in a successful direct mail campaign is the right list. They come warm and cold: those you have built up yourself and those you buy in. WWAV is one of the most thriving direct-mail agencies. In only five years, annual turnover has reached £20 million and is doubling each year.

Warm lists are jealously guarded and seldom for sale. "The biggest trick of this trade," according to John Watson, head of WWAV, "is to mail your own people and communicate with them. Keep lists of your customers. It costs a lot of money to get them inside your door. These are people who've bought your product and like it."

A car is bought from a dealer. Periodically the buyer is sent a personalized letter, using the latest laser printing techniques. With information from computer records, it might say, for example: "We hope your new clutch put in on April 4 is now working well. Your car is due for a service at the end of the month. In the meantime, can we interest you in our new fuel-saving technology or insurance offer?"

Charities, important users of direct mail, value their warm lists. Watson notes: "If you've given money to the NSPCC, you're more likely to do so again."

A company can obtain additional names by buying a cold list in the marketplace. Cold lists appeal particularly to new businesses or ones seeking to expand sales.

According to Tylan Bahcheli, chairman of Dudley Jenkins Associates, which this year will supply 80 million names, 1,000 lists are available for rent in Britain. Prices range between £40 per 1,000 names for a basic consumer list (names which have bought a certain product in the past three years, for example) to £90 per 1,000 for a specialist business-to-business list.

Magazine publishers are big suppliers of lists of receivers of controlled-circulation journals and subscribers to magazines. Subscribers to specialist newsletters are particularly valuable.

One list broker notes that a list over a year old will be 16 per cent wrong, as one in six people in Britain move each year. "If it is two years old, it's ancient." Other companies provide lists based on census data. ACORN classifies Britain's 120,000 enumeration districts into 38 factors based on 40 characteristics such as property type, economic indicators, and composition of households.

Printronic, a big computer bureau, has a programme called "all singing and dancing", which seeks to eliminate dead people from lists.

Although he believes that a good list is 90 per cent of a mailing shot, Watson says that creativity also has an important role. "An offer will be more successful if it is not just a book, but free and on trial. A sweepstake is the most powerful direct mail device. A good sweepstake package concentrates on the sweepstake not the package."

He stresses the importance of providing good information. "Customers can't see the product. This is not image advertising. So you must try to tell them how it looks from all angles.

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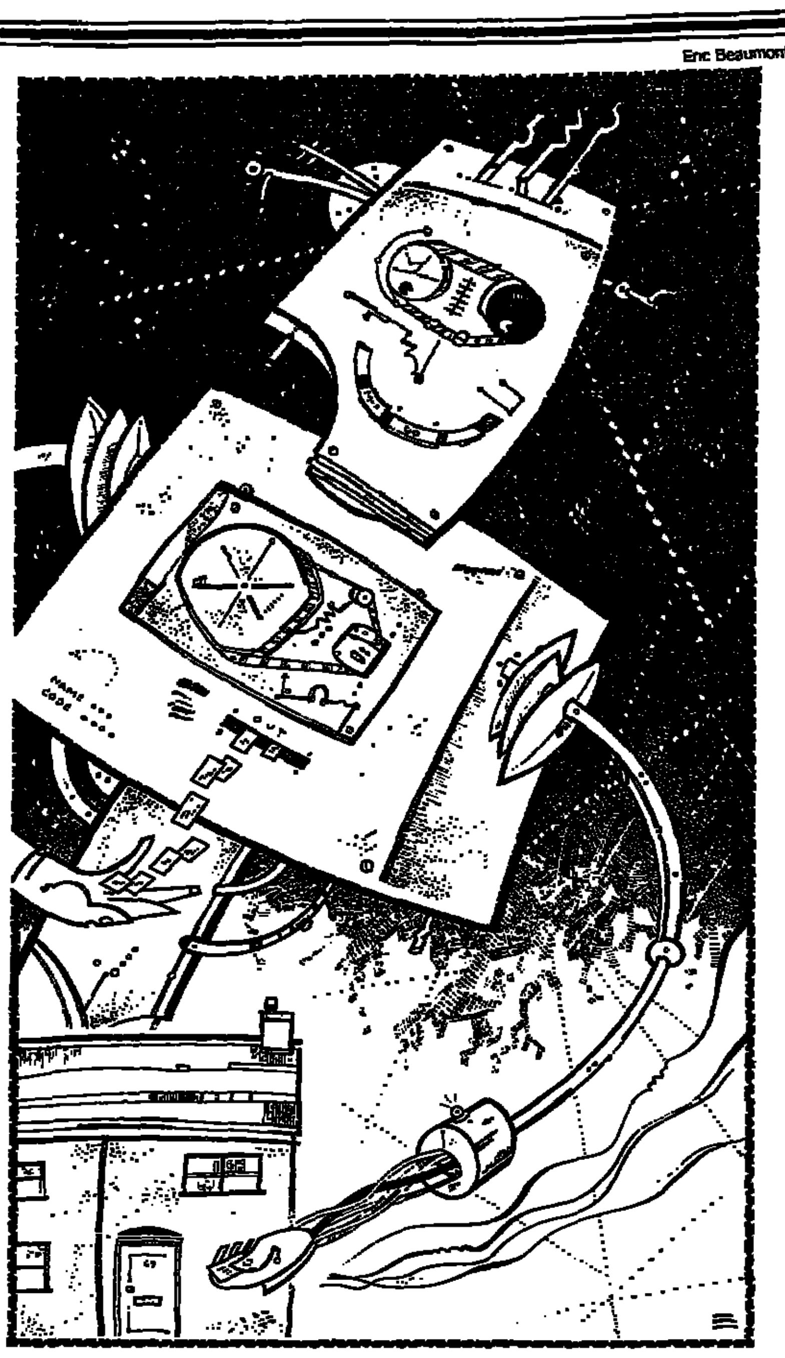
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CATCHING VOTERS BY DIRECT MAIL

Politics is the biggest growth area in direct mailing and in the run-up to the general election all the main parties have been using it more and more. Ironically, regulations under the Representation of the People Act preclude direct-mailing by parties during the campaign itself, because spending must be incurred only by specific candidates or their agents.

The SDP owes at least part of its success at the Greenwich by-election to its skill in sending regular customized election material to voters. Going on canvass returns which revealed whether they were addressing a luke-warm Tory or a left-winger, party agents used computers and laser printers to direct specific messages to sections of the electorate.

At national level, direct mail has been used to raise funds and to identify potential support. The Conservatives have made the running by mailing more than one million people from a list composed largely of British Telecom shareholders.

The letter from the Tory chairman, Norman Tebbit, suggested Labour would be likely to nationalize assets such as British Telecom. Recipients were invited to join or at least contact the Conservative Party to combat that threat. Tory headquarters claims its response rate of more than 10 per cent has been higher than expected. It is now compiling its own much more valuable list of those who replied and, even more attractive, fund-givers.

Labour has had difficulty finding a list as comprehensive and as ideal for potential support as the British Telecom one was for the Tories. It has no centralized list of party members. But, thanks to part of its industrial legislation, the present Government required unions to keep lists of members to be balloted. Labour has already mailed members of the National Union of Seamen and the National Union of Railwaymen. It is concentrating on the six million union members who pay the political levy.

The political potential of direct mail has led to questions in the House of Commons about allowing lists of company shareholders such as British Telecom's to be sold for direct mailings. At one stage the Department of Trade was reported to have circulated a draft memo suggesting that the names of people only with more than a 5 per cent stake in a company should be made available. But that idea was quickly quashed. The Companies Act demands that a shareholders' register should be published.

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MEDIA & MARKETING

The fight to stay alive

After yesterday's crisis board meeting at the *News on Sunday*, Pearson Phillips charts the perils of launching newspapers

LONDON
DAILY NEWS
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NEWS ON SUNDAY
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Like marrying again, launching a new newspaper is becoming more and more a triumph of hope over experience. But some kind of amiable delusion that "this time we've got it right" still persuades sober, right-minded people to indulge in both these activities.

It is hard enough to launch a new title from an existing publishing empire, let alone starting from scratch. There are now three total newcomers fighting to stay alive, the *News on Sunday*, *Today* and *The Independent*. So how are they doing?

There cannot have been much hopeful, starry-eyed idealism left in the boardroom of the *News on Sunday* in Manchester yesterday. However much the editorial content of the paper has improved since its abysmal beginning three issues ago, the inescapable truth is that it has failed to make any real impact on the newspaper-buying public and the advertisers.

The blame is being laid on the marketing preparations. There was not enough "public awareness", which is a media experts' way of saying that not enough cash had been spent with them to project the existence of the paper. A Marplan survey showed that only 12 per cent of the population was aware of the newspaper's existence on launch day.

Now, a six-figure sum is being pumped in to "keep it afloat" by improving cash flow. But what of the long-term prospects? The view among professional media watchers last night was that it would not alter anything in the long run. Even established newspapers have discovered recently how expensive it is to buy readers through an advertising onslaught. About £200 a reader seems to be a rough rule of thumb. But 5,000 readers per £1 million spent will hardly get the *News on Sunday* out of trouble. The original target was an 800,000 break-even point. They were at about 350,000 last week.

The difficulties of the paper are compounded by the fact that its sturdy, left-wing stance and policy of appealing to the radical and the under-privileged are hardly likely to make it a natural choice of the advertising industry. A paper cannot live on ads for non-smoking aids and slimming cures alone.

Eddy Shah, whose traumatic experience with the launch of *Today* makes him an expert on the difficulties of starting a newspaper from scratch, says that one of the *News on Sunday*'s main problems is that "it appears to be run by a committee". He says:

The Herman Andries
Keith Sutton, hard-pressed editor of the News on Sunday

"In the early stages you have got to have someone around who will make the decisions. No committee ever comes up with anything startling or original. And when things start going wrong committees get edged into panic."

His experiences have not obliterated his optimism. He would go through it all again. "And this time we would not have to spearhead the new technological newspaper age. Nor would we have the unions trying to stifle us at birth." He is bullish about the present state of *Today*, revitalized by a re-launch and the sheltering financial umbrella of Tiny Rowland's Lonrho. "Of course it is still losing money", he says. "But it is building."

Circulation is up to 320,000 now (the last ABC figures, for March, put it at 298,000). "What you have to remember with all these media launches is that it takes time to build up loyalty and character. It took *The Sun* 14 years to be really successful. If *Today* gets up to 450,000 it will be breaking even. If it gets to 700,000 it will be £18 million a year in profit."

Playing with "ifs" of that kind is a favourite pastime for new newspaper owners. *The Independent*'s launch was probably the most carefully prepared onslaught since D-Day. A beachhead has been secured. But as with all invasions, the real test is to break out into the interior.

The "ifs" for *The Independent* were set out in an embarrassingly public place, the prospectus for its £18 million share flotation. On a circulation of 373,000 it was expected to make a £3 million loss in its first year and a £4 million profit in its second. In the latest ABC figures it is shown at just under 291,000.

There has been trouble on the advertising front, as well. Media buyers in the agencies complain that it is "dull and middle-aged", although it is certainly true that media buyers have an interest in belittling the chances of new publications in the hope of keeping rates down.

What is clear is that the struggle to attract classified advertising to the paper, a key element in its hoped-for profitability, still has a long way to go.

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'A very 'up', optimistic and punchy newspaper'

● Lori Miles (left) is the first woman this century to edit a major paper — but others are not far behind

Whatever else the appointment this week of Lori Miles as editor of the London *Evening News* might mean, it does not make her Fleet Street's first woman editor.

In fact, the race was won almost a century ago — albeit by a woman who was married to the proprietor.

Rachel Beer edited *The Observer* for much of the period between 1891 and 1905 after her husband had inherited the paper from his father.

For four years she also edited *The Sunday Times*, having bought it for £11,000 in October 1893.

But the appointment of Miles, until now editor of *Chat* magazine, puts her ahead of the field as the first woman editor of a Fleet Street daily; other leading contenders include Jo Foley and Angela Gordon at *The Observer*. Sue Douglas at the *Mail on Sunday* and Wendy Henry at the *News of the World*.

There is no doubt that Associated Newspaper's determination to make its floundering London evening title succeed — despite the industry belief that it was re-launched as a spoiling operation to protect Associated's *Evening Standard* against the *London Daily News* — will be matched by Miles's energy and legendary lust for readers.

She said yesterday: "The *Evening News* was the paper I avidly read when I first came to London in 1979; then they closed it. So I have a sentimental attachment to the paper. I think a lot of people have, and I hope to revive its old charisma. It will have lots of good fun, it will be a very 'up', optimistic and punchy newspaper."

Miles's career has moved fast in the past three years — *Woman* magazine, six months at *Company*, on to IPC to edit its new women's magazine. *Mizz*, and, two months after that was launched, she was lured by Independent Television Publications, publishers of *TV Times*, to be editor of *Chat*, the down-market women's tabloid weekly. *Chat* has confounded industry sceptism about its market by building a readership of 591,000, though that is still some way short of the one million target ITP set it in 1985.

The *Evening News*, even with a skeleton staff under the part-time editorship of the *Standard's* editor, John Leese, has sustained heavy losses and its circulation is said to have fallen to less than half its required break-even figure of 100,000 copies. It will be interesting to see what the new 29-year-old woman editor can do about that.

Michael Davidson

BYLINES

Vote of no confidence

The Independent Broadcasting Authority must surely have a great deal to fear if the Conservatives win the general election. A pincer-like introduction of new legislation in the next term of Parliament, resulting from the Government's move towards a leaner and lighter broadcasting regulatory system, could severely reduce the IBA's powers.

Although MP Gerald Howarth's new Obscene Publications Bill was talked out at the committee stage last week, with the Prime Minister's approval it is sure to return. And it would not take long before the need for IBA bureaucrats to monitor programme standards once they were answerable to the law was called into question. Preparation of new broadcasting legislation suggests government support for the switch of responsibility for radio from the IBA to a simpler, auction-based method of awarding ITV franchises.

The House of Commons's Home Affairs Committee has asked leading figures from industry to submit papers on the future of broadcasting, with the IBA coming off badly in the views of Independent Local Radio and ITV executives who have long believed that the authority is over-staffed and charges too much for signal transmission.

In Europe, the trend is towards single authorities handling all telecommunications, cable and broadcasting, and in Britain it is the small, lightly regulative Cable Authority, rather than the IBA, which would be favoured for such a role.

Rock v soap

"Scheduling suicide" is one description of ITV's decision to pitch its new pop show, *The Roxy*, against BBC's *EastEnders* for its 26-week run, starting on Tuesday June 9. But ITV is taking a leaf out of the BBC's audience-building book by running a repeat screening each week of *The Roxy*, with up-dated chart information, on Saturday mornings.

Knockout prince

While the nation frets about a suitable job for Prince Edward, he is busy generating his own one-prince media industry — the royal *It's A Knockout* he has initiated for BBC1 on June 15 will be accompanied by two spin-off books, a paperback from Fontana and a more lavish "gift book" from Collins

Curtain praiser

Although ITV's European cable entertainment service, Superchannel, is struggling to establish its audiences on the continent, there is great enthusiasm for it and other western channels behind the Iron Curtain. The embarrassed Polish government has just rushed through 300 satellite permits to regularize what were illegal viewing habits by affluent Warsaw dish-owners, and Russia is speeding up its plans to offer competitive services (of a more serious nature) to the growing cable audience in the Polish capital.

Single spin-off

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David Housham

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Council has discretion to state special educational needs

Regina v Hereford and Worcester County Council *and* Another, Ex parte Lashford
Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stephen Brown *and* Lord Justice Nicholls
[Judgment May 12]

A local education *authority* was not obliged to make and maintain a statement under section 7 of the Education Act 1981 in respect of every child with special educational needs for whom it was responsible, but had a *discretion* whether or not to do so.

The Court of Appeal so stated dismissing *an appeal by* Shelley Jo Lashford, (by her mother and next friend Barbara Jane Lashford) from a decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (The Times, November 10, 1986) dismissing her application for judicial review.

The matter concerned the decision of the Hereford and Worcester County Council not to make a statement under the 1981 Act as to her educa*tional needs and the* decision of the Secretary of State for Education whereby he dismissed her parents appeal under section 5(6) against the council's refusal to make a statement.

The 1981 Act provided: "5(1) Where, in the case of a child for whom a local educa*tion authority are responsible*, the authority are of the opinion (a) that he has special educational needs which call for the authority to determine the special educational provision that should be made for him; or (b) that he probably has such special educational needs under this section. . .(6) If, after making an assessment of the educational needs of a child under this section, the local education authority de*cide that they are not required* to determine the special educational provision that should be made for him the parent may appeal in writing *to the* Secretary of State."

"7(1) Where an assessment has been made in respect of a child *under* section 5, the local education authority who are responsible for the child shall, if they are of the *opinion* that they should determine the special educational provision that should be made for him, make a statement of his special educational needs and maintain that statement in accord*ance with the following* provisons of this Act."

Miss Elizabeth Appleby, QC and Mr John Friel for the applicant; Mr John Steel for the council and Mr John Laws for the Secretary of State.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the 1981 Act was passed as a result of the Warnock *Report* and it was concerned to make provision for children with special educational needs. *It in*troduced a new conception under section 7 of the Act, of a local education authority *making* and maintaining a statement in prescribed form of the special educational needs of children with such needs.

The main question in the appeal was whether a local education authority was bound to 'make a statement' under section 7 in respect of *every child for whom it was* responsible, who had special educational needs, or whether, as the Divisional court held, the *local* education authority had some measure of discretion whether or not to do so.

Shelley had a learning difficulty; she was classified as of low average ability or alternatively in the low average to slow learner ability range. It was common ground that she *had 'special educational* needs' within the meaning of the Act because her learning difficulty called for 'special educational provision' to be made for her.

The council took the view that Shelley's problems were not so severe that they could not adequately dealt with in a remedial class in an ordinary *school.It being conceded* that Shelley had special educational needs it was argued for Shelley and her parents that the council had indeed determined the special educational provision that should be made *for her, by deciding that her* problems could, and should, be dealt with in a remedial class at her ordinary school.

The Act did not say that the local education authority was to maintain a statement under section 7 *for every child* with special educational needs. The phrase used in section 7(1) was "shall, if they are of the opinion that they should determine the special educational provision that should *be made for him make* a statement." That echoed the references in section 5(1) to the child having or probably having "special educational needs which call for the authority to determine the special educational provision that should be made for him."

That wording in section 5(1) was plainly *deliberately* inserted in the Act and was too strong to be capable of being applied simply to every child *who had, or probably had* special educational needs. The same wording was repeated in section 5(6) which applied if the local education authority decided to take no further action after an assessment under section *5(1)*.

Taking section 5 and section 7 together, his Lordship concluded that the local education authority had a discretion whether or not it would itself determine the *special educational provision* required for any particular child which had special educational needs, or would leave the determination of that provision to others, e.g. the ordinary school which the child attended.

The discretion was conferred by the words "if they are of the opinion that they *should determine*" in section 7(1); it was only if they were of that opinion that they were required to determine the special educational provision for the particular child within the meaning of section 5(6).

It followed that if the local education authority did not itself decide the special educa*tional provision* that *should* be made for the child, but left that to be decided by the school, the local education authority was not itself determining the special education provision for the child *within the meaning of section* 7(1).

Consequently, the local education authority was not obliged to make and maintain a statement under that section of the child's special educa*tional needs. A decision to* leave what was to be done for a particular child, such as Shelley, to the school was not *itself*, in *his Lordship's* judgment, a determination of the special educational provision *for the child by the authority* itself under section 7(1) which would necessitate the making of the statement.

In the upshot, his Lordship agreed with the Divisional Court that the Act did not *impose a duty on the council* to maintain a statement under section 7 in respect of every child with special educational needs for whom the council was responsible.

LORD JUSTICE STE*PHEN BROWN and LORD* JUSTICE NICHOLLS delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Teacher Stern Selby; Sharpe Pritchard & Co for Mr J.W.Renney, Worcester; Treasury Solicitor.

European Law Report Luxembourg

No internal tax on imported goods in free circulation in EEC

Cooperativa Co-frutta SRL v Amministrazione delle Finanze dello Stato
Case 193/85
Before Judge Y. Galmot, President of the Third and Fifth Chambers, acting as President and Judges C. N. Kakouris, T. F. O'Higgins, F. A. Schockweiler, G. Bosco, T. Koopmans, O. Due, U. Everling, K. Bahlmann, R. Joliet and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias

Advocate General C.O. Lenz
(Opinion October 16, 1986)

[Judgment May 7]
The prohibition of discriminatory internal taxation on the products of other member states, contained in article 95 of the EEC Treaty, also extended to goods from non-member states which were in free circulation in the community.

Between August and November 1982 the plaintiff had imported 1,127,490kg of bananas which originated in Colombia and had been released into free circulation in the Benelux countries.

The plaintiff brought proceed*ings before the Tribunale di* Milano (District Court, Milan), for the recovery of Lit591,932,250 which it had paid by way of a state consumption tax upon those banana imports, on the ground that that tax constituted a charge having *an effect equivalent to a* customs duty contrary to articles 9 and 12 of the EEC Treaty.

The Tribunale di Milano stayed the proceedings and referred a number of questions on the interpretation of articles 9, 12 and 95 to the Court of Justice of the European *Communities* for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of *Justice held as follows*:

It appeared from the file that, in 1985, 120 tonnes of bananas *had been produced in Italy* whereas 357,500 tonnes had been imported. It also appeared that Italian legislation provided for 19 consumption taxes of which three affected tropical products, namely coffee, cocoa and bananas.

The first two questions

The first two questions were intended to establish whether the disputed tax was a charge having equivalent effect to a customs duty or a measure of internal taxation.

The essential characteristic of a tax having an equivalent effect to a customs duty, which distin*guished it from* internal taxation, lay in the fact that the former was levied exclusively on the imported product, as such, while the *latter* was levied both on imported and domestic products.

The Court had *however* recognized that even a charge levied on a product from another member state, where there was no identical or similar national product, did not constitute a charge having an equivalent effect but an internal tax *within the meaning of* article 95 of the Treaty, if it formed part of a general scheme of internal levies imposed *systematically upon* categories of products according to objective criteria which were applied independently of the origin of the products.

The disputed consumption tax was to be considered as forming an integral part of a general scheme of internal taxation within the meaning of article 95 and its compatibility *with* Community law had therefore to be asessed in the context of that article and not that of articles 9 and 12 of the Treaty.

Third question

The third question sought to establish whether the tax at issue *was prohibited* by the second paragraph of article 95 to the extent to which it was likely to protect, in particular, nationally *produced* fruit.

In that regard it was to be noted that, in its judgment of *May 7 in Case 184/85 Commission v Italy* (not yet reported), the Court had declared that, by imposing and maintaining in force a tax on fresh bananas which applied to bananas from other member states, in particular those from the French *Departements d'Outre-Mer*, the Italian Republic had failed to fulfil its obligations under article 95 of the EEC Treaty.

Fourth question

The fourth question was intended to establish whether article 95 was applicable to all products originating in member states including products from non-member states which were in free circulation within the member states.

It was true that by contrast with the wording of article 9 which expressly referred to *products coming from third* countries which were in free circulation in member states, that of article 95 referred only to "*products of other member* states".

However, it was apparent from *the well-established* case-law of the Court that in the scheme of the Treaty, the first and second paragraphs of article 95 were complementary to the provisions relating to the elimination of customs duties and charges having equivalent effect.

In its judgment of December 15, 1976, in Case 41/76 *Donckerwolcke v Procureur de la Republique* ([1976] ECR 1921) the Court had emphasized that as regarded the free movement of goods *within the Community*, products entitled to free circulation were definitively and wholly assimilated to products originating in member states.

In its judgment of July 1, 1969 *in joined* Cases 2 and 3/69, *Diamantarbeiders v Brachfeld* ([1969] ECR 211), the Court stated that the importance of the prohibitions contained in articles 9 and 12 of the Treaty was such that, in order to prevent their circumvention by means of various customs and fiscal measures, the Treaty had intended to prevent any possible failure in their implementation.

The Court had indicated that article 95 was intended to fill in any breaches which a fiscal measure might open in the prohibitions laid down.

It followed that an interpretation of article 95 which excluded its application to products in free circulation would lead to a result which was contrary both *to the spirit of the Treaty* as expressed in articles 9 and 10 and its system.

Commercial policy with regard to non-member states fell within the exclusive competence of the Community sub*ject to the necessary protective* measures which might be adopted under the conditions laid down by article 115 of the Treaty. *Consequently* member states could not remain free to impose discriminatory taxes on products originating from non-member states which were in free circulation.

On those grounds the European Court ruled:

1 A charge described as a consumption tax, levied on both *imported* and *domestic* products but which in practice applied almost exclusively to imported products because *there was only an extremely* limited domestic production, did not constitute a charge having an effect equivalent to a *customs duty on imports* within the meaning of articles 9 and 12 of the EEC Treaty if it formed part of a general scheme of internal taxation applicable systematically to categories of products according to objective criteria which were applied in*dependently of the origin of the* products. In those circumstances it was to be regarded as internal taxation within the *meaning* of article 95.

2 The second paragraph of article 95 of the EEC Treaty *prohibited* a consumption tax on certain imported fruit if it was likely to protect domestically produced fruit.

3 Article 95 of the EEC Treaty was applicable to all products of member states including products originating in non-member countries which were in free circulation within the member states.

Following code no defence

Marsh v Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset

It was a *question* of fact in each case whether there had been a breach of condition of a firearms certificate and even if an owner of a firearm followed the voluntary code of practice issued by the British Shooting Sports Council *he could still* be guilty of an offence under the Firearms Act 1968.

*The Queen's Bench Di*visional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Roch) so held on May 6 in dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Christopher David Marsh from Bristol Crown Court (Judge Fanner and justices), who had dismissed his appeal from the Avon North Justices who had convicted him of an offence under section 1 of the 1968 Act.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said the relevant condition in the instant case was: "The firearms and ammunition to which this certificate relates must at *all* times when not in actual use be kept in a secure place with a view to preventing access to them by unauthorized persons."

His Lordship said he did not seek to define the phrases "in actual use" and "secure place" as it had to be a question of fact in each case and it was not sufficient to comply with statutory obligations merely to follow the advice given by the British Shooting Sports Council.

Correction

In *Davies (Joseph Owen) v Eli Lilly and Co and Others* (*The Times* May 11) the second paragraph in the first column and the fourth paragraph in the fourth column of our report should have read:

"*As a matter of general* policy it was wrong in principle that *non*-legally aided plaintiffs should be in any way insulated from the normal costs obligations and costs risks which generally confronted non-*legally* aided litigants."

University news

Oxford
The following have been elected visiting fellows of *Magdalen* College:
Professor David Apter (Jan 1 - June 30, 1988); Dr Jose Sant'Ana (Feb 1 - May 31, 1988); Professor Ulric Neisser (Feb 1 - May 31, 1988); Professor John Truman (Oct 1 - Jan 31, 1989).

The following has been elected a fellow of Keble College:
Dr Henry Matthew Drucker, director of development office, Oxford University.

Hull
Mr Robert Harris is to succeed Professor Douglas Hooper as professor of social work fromn October 1. Mr Harris is a lecturer in social work at Leicester University.

London
St Mary College
Professor Trevor Smith, professor of *political studies*, to be senior pro-principal at St Mary College. Professor I.W. Roxburgh, head of school of mathematical sciences, to be pro-principal. Professor M.A. Laughton, professor of electrical engineering, re-appointed pro-principal.

Instiue of Education
Dr Angela Little, fellow of the Institute of Development Studies at Sussex University, has been appointed to the chair of education, with special reference to developing countries, at the institute.

Birmingham
Grants
British Heart Foundation: £137,438 to Dr P Cummins to study contractile proteins *in* normal and abnormal cardiac function.
Medical Research Council: £92,117 to Dr G T Williams, Dr E J Jenkinson and Professor J J T Owen to study the generation of diversity in murine T-cell receptor genes during thymus development.

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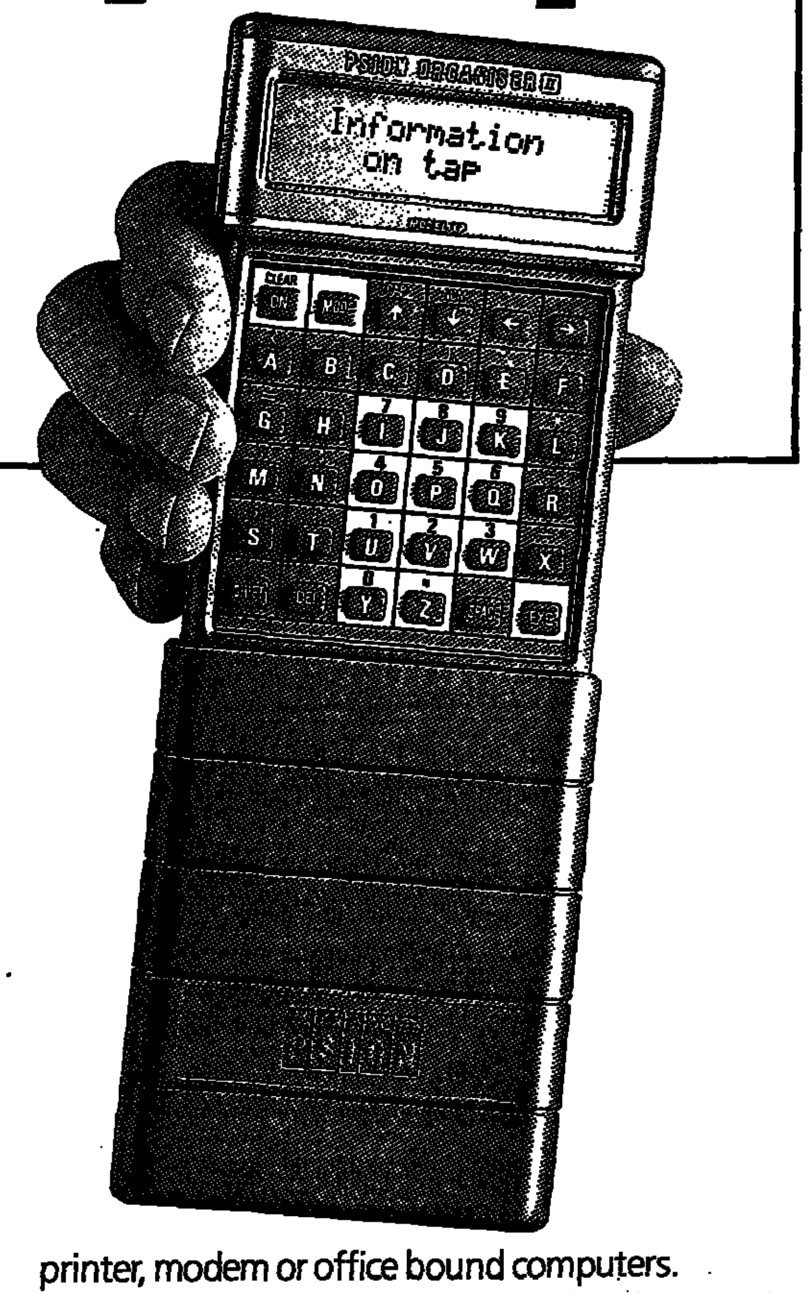

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BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE AMEN CORNER:** James Baldwin's powerful drama of a Harlem preacher facing revolt in congregation and family.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.50pm, Sat 8.15-11.05pm, matinée Wed 3-5.50pm, Sat 4.30-7.20pm, £4.50-£14.50.

☆ **BUILT ON SAND:** New play by Daniel Mornin relating the tragedy of Northern Ireland to the passions of ancient Greece.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-739 2554). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, Mat Sat 3.30-6pm, Mon, Sat Mat £4, Tues-Thurs £5, Fri and Sat eve £6.

☆ **DIARY OF A SOMEBODY:** Dramatized version of Joe Orton's frank diaries, expanded from a NT Platform Performance.
Kings Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, N1 (01-226 1916). Tube: Highbury & Islington/Angel. Tues-Sat 8-10pm, Sun 3-5pm, £5.

☆ **THE HAIRY APE:** Peter Stein's acclaimed Schaubühne production from Berlin visits London for one week. Performances in German. Text and synopsis available at the theatre.
National Theatre, (Lyttleton), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7-10pm, £8-£15.

★ ***LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES:*** Blood-chilling account of the destruction of innocence under the ancien régime. Tickets are like gold dust.
Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, WC2 (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). Tube: Leicester Square. *Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm, matinée Wed 3-5.45pm, Sat 4-6.45pm, £5-£13.50.*

☆ ***MINNA VON BARNHELM:*** After successfully reviving *Emilia Galotti* the enterprising PLC company tackles Lessing's comic romance set in the aftermath of war.
Young Vic Studio Theatre, 66 The Cut, SE1 (01-928 6363). Tube: Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, £5.

☆ **MUMBO JUMBO:** Mobil awardwinner about love awakening in a Belfast school.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews Tues to Thur 7.45-10.15pm. Mat Wed 2.30-5pm. Press night Fri, May 15, 7-9.30pm. Thereafter Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, Mats Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm £5-£10.

☆ **THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI:** *Griff Rhys Jones as Brecht's gangster leader learning how to rule the world.*
Queens Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-734 1166). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Wed 3-5.30pm, Sat 4.30-7pm, £6-£13.50.

★ **SERIOUS MONEY:** Caryl Churchill's effervescent musical play about the Big Bang and City greed. Recommended.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3-£9.

☆ **SPOOKHOUSE:** Set above a Coney Island ghost train Gwen Taylor's nightmare Jewish momma tells fortunes and eats hearts in Harvey Fierstein's new play.
Hampstead Theatre Club, Avenue Road, NW3 (01-722 9301). Tube: Swiss Cottage. 8-9.45pm, £7, matinée Sat 4.30-6.15pm, £6. Membership £2.

☆ **THE TICKET-OF-LEAVE MAN:** Tom "Lofty" Watt plays the prisoner on parole in a once famous Victorian social drama.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, London E15 (01-534 0310). Tube: Stratford. Mon-Sat 8-10.45pm, £2-£6.

☆ **UP ON THE ROOF:** Three steps down Memory Lane, 1975, 1980, 1985, as five students learn the ups, downs and cop-outs of adult life. Clever performances.
Donmar Warehouse, 41 Earlham St, WC2 (01-240 8230). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.00pm, £6-£8.

☆ **WORLDS APART:** Cuban play grumbling about politics and the lot of women, transfers to London after mixed reviews last year at Stratford.
Pit Theatre, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795). Tube: Barbican/ Moorgate/ St Paul's. Previews Wed-Sat 7.30-10.45pm, £7.50.

★ **YR. OBEDIENT SERVANT:** Robbie Coltrane's one-man journey round the large life of Dr Johnson.
Lyric Theatre Studio, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat 8-10.15pm, £5

★ **YERMA:** Juliet Stevenson plays the childless heroine in Lorca's starkest tragedy.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. opens Thurs 7-8.35pm, Fri-Sat 7.30-9.05pm, matinée Sat 2.30-4.05pm, £7.

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **The Golden Years Of Jack Buchanan:** Peter Woodward stars in his own musical tribute to the 1930s charmer.
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021-236 4455), 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.90.

BRISTOL: ☆ **Balmoral:** Michael Frayn comedy in which Britain, not Russia, had the 1917 revolution.
Old Vic Theatre Royal, King Street (0272 264388). Mon-Wed, 7.15pm, Thurs-Sat 7.45pm, £1.70-£7.50.

COVENTRY: ☆ **As You Like It:** Lionel Blair plays Touchstone in a hillbilly song and dance production.
Belgrade Theatre, Belgrade Square (0203 553055), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm £3.25-£5.50, Fri-Sat 8-10.30pm, £3.50-£5.75, matinees 6 and 13 May 2.30pm, £2.

DERBY: ☆ **My Dad's a Nero:** Premiere of Christopher Denys play about a soldier returning fom World War Two.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £2.50.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **The Ruling Class:** Peter Barnes's black comedy blends together the House Of Lords, madness, God and Jack the Ripper.
Playhouse Theatre, Williamson Square (051 709 8363), Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm, £3-£5.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **The Merchant of Venice:** Oslo's Espen Skjonberg rejoins the company to play Shylock, with Harriet Walter as Portia.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri-Sat 8pm, matinée Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm, £2.50-£8.50.

MOLD: ☆ **An Inspector Calls:** Tom Baker plays the unexpected caller in Priestly evergreen.
Theatr Clwyd, County Civic Centre (0352 55114), Tue-Fri 7.30-9.45pm, Sat 8-10.15pm, Tues-Thurs £5-£7, Fri-Sat £6-£8, matinée Sat 3pm, £4.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Fashion:** Doug Lucie's gripping and strongly cast study of corruption of loyalties in a PR agency.
The Other Place, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £6-£7.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ★ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . .
★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ★ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . .
★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	(5)	**Holst: The Planets,** BPO/Karajan	Deutsche Grammaphon
2	(1)	**Holst: The Planets,** MSO/Dutoit	Decca
3	(1)	**Beethoven: Symphony 9,** BPO/Karajan	Galleria/DG
4	(4)	**Holst: The Planets,** VPO/Karajan	Ovation/Decca
5	(6)	**Handel: Music for Royal Fireworks,** ECO/Leppard	Philips
6	(3)	**Luciano Pavarotti: The Collection**	Stylus
7	(12)	**An Evening of Strauss:** LSO/Georgiadis	IPM/Pickwick
8	(19)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto,** Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menuhin	Philips
9	(–)	**Saint-Saëns: Symphony 3,** CSO/ODP/Barenboim	Galleria/DG
10	(–)	**Elgar: Pomp & Circumstance,** LSO/CSO/Solti	Ovation/Decca
11	(11)	**Vivaldi: The Four Seasons,** SCO/Laredo	IMP/Pickwick
12	(10)	**Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade,** BPO/Karajan	Galleria/DG
13	(18)	**Sibelius: Symphony 2,** BSO/Davis	Philips
14	(8)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2,** Ashkenazy/LSO/Previn	Ovation/Decca
15	(17)	**Beethoven: Symphony 6,** BPO/Karajan	Galleria/DG
16	(–)	***Mozart: Symphonies 40 & 41,*** LSO/Abbado	Galleria/DG
17	(–)	**Tchaikovsky: Ballet Suites,** VPO/Karajan	Ovation/Decca
18	(–)	**Dvörák: Slavonic Dances,** BRSO/Kubelik	Galleria/DG
19	(–)	***Vivaldi: The Four Seasons,*** AAM/Hogwood	L'Oiseau Lyre/Decca
20	(–)	**Beethoven: Symphony 3,** BPO/Karajan	Galleria/DG

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FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☎ **Advance booking possible**

BLUE VELVET (18): David Lynch's surreal tale about the placid surface of an American small town being violently ripped apart. With Isabella Rossellini and Dennis Hopper (120 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☎ **Gate Cinema** (01-727 4043). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.35, 8.55.
☎ **Lumière** (01-379 3014, cc 01-379 3014). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.10, 8.40.

CRIMES OF THE HEART (15): Three sisters — Jessica Lange, Sissy Spacek and Diane Keaton — wrestle with their past and present lives (105 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (839 7697). Progs 2.15, 5.45, 8.30.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER (18): The true story of a psychopathic US soldier hanged for killing three Melbourne women in 1942. With James Coburn as the American major on the murderer's trail. Directed by Philippe Mora. (93 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839-1527). Progs 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH (15): Whoopi Goldberg takes on the CIA and MI5 in this funky comedy directed by Penny Marshall (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.50, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 2.50, 5.05, 8.25.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

■ **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS (PG):** Eccentric story of a boy, a girl and a man-eating plant called Audrey II. With Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and many cameo appearances. Directed by Muppet man Frank Oz (94 min).
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.30, 8.40.

■ **OVER THE TOP (PG):** Perfect title for a drama featuring Sylvester Stallone as an arm-wrestling truck driver who tries to get to know his neglected son during a cross-continental ride (93 min).
☎ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.25, 8.35.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 2.15, 4.20, 6.30, 8.35.

■ **PERSONAL SERVICES (18):** Terry Jones's outrageous comedy, inspired by the life of Cynthia Payne, stars Julie Walters as the London madam (105 min).
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue** (01-836 6279). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 5.50, 8.30.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

Happy birthday, Gil Evans — jazz's most eminent surviving composer-arranger is 75 today, and it is the particular good luck of his British admirers that this remarkable man has been persuaded to celebrate the event with a gala concert in London this evening. Evans, who was born in Canada, can look back on a career spanning practically the entire history of jazz — although retrospection is not among his priorities. In the Thirties he led a band inspired by Louis Armstrong and Fletcher Henderson; in the Forties, while living in a Manhattan apartment which served as a headquarters for the bebop revolution, he wrote sumptuous arrangements for Claude Thornhill's orchestra and masterminded Miles Davis's hugely influential *Birth of the Cool* band; in the Fifties and Sixties he pursued his collaboration with Davis on such popular projects as *Porgy and Bess* and *Sketches of Spain*, and began producing a series of infrequent but indelible recordings under his own name; in the Seventies he developed his interest in rock, which would have led to a joint project with Jimi Hendrix had the rock guitarist not gone to an early death; and in the Eighties he has mixed occasional world tours with work on the soundtracks to such films as *Absolute Beginners* and *The Color of Money*. Steve Lacy, the soprano saxophonist who has been a member of his bands on and off for 30 years, and the Brazilian duo of Airto Moreira and Flora Purim will be among the guests joining Evans's augmented US band tonight at the Hammersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4080, 7.30pm, £7-£10) and tomorrow at the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham. Evans and the band, which includes John Surman and Palle Mikkelborg alongside Hiram Bullock and Lew Soloff, then go on to the Queen's Hall, Edinburgh (on Friday) and Newcastle Playhouse (Saturday).

Richard Williams

☎ **Screen On The Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.50.

PLATOON (PG): Oliver Stone's intense anti-war drama which scooped four Oscars. With Willem Defoe and Tom Berenger as *sergeants at loggerheads in Vietnam* (120 min).
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 01-930 3222). Progs 11.15, 2.00, 5.00, 8.00, 11.15.

■ **STAND BY ME (15):** The adventures of four small-town adolescent boys in the summer of 1959 (88 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 4.10, 6.30, 9.00.
☎ **Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.05, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 2.35, 4.35, 6.35, 8.35.

TOUGH GUYS (15): Two great stars — Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas — in a minnow of a film about gentleman crooks adjusting to life outside prison (103 mins).
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602-6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.55, 5.10, 8.25.
Leicester Square Theatre (01-930 5252). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 6.00, 8.45.

WORKING GIRLS (18): Documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. With Louise Smith (90 min).
☎ **Cannon Picadilly** (01-437 3561). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **FROM SCOTLAND:** Lionel Friend conducts the Scottish Chamber Orchestra in Wagner's Siegfried Idyll and Alan Brind solos in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 1-1.50pm, £3.

☆ **TELEMANN MARATHON:** In their unswerving progress through Telemann's *Der harmonische Gottesdienst* the Lecosaldi Ensemble reaches Cantata No 26, *Dies ist der Gotteskinder Last.*
St. Anne and St. Agnes's, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-373 5566), 1.10-1.50pm, free.

☆ **LEONORA LUNCH:** The Leonora Ensemble plays a Nocturne by Holbrooke, a Legend by Reinecke and Uhl's *Kleines Konzert.*
St. Martin-within-Ludgate, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054), 1.15-1.45pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **CAREWE/SHORE:** Anne Carewe (cello) and Nigel Shore (oboe), with Alan Gravill at the piano, play sonatas by Debussy, Dutilleux, Bennett's *After Syrinx* and Pasculli's Concerto on Themes from Donizetti's *La Favorita.*
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £2.50-£3.50.

☆ **RAPHAEL RECITAL:** Borodin's String Sextet (1860), Frank Bridge's String Sextet (1912) and Brahms's String Sextet Op 36 performed by the Raphael Ensemble.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2-£4.50.

☆ **McINTOSH/LCCO:** Thomas McIntosh conducts the London City Chamber Orchestra in Giovanni's Gabrieli's Canzona for Double String Orchestra, Tippett's Concerto for Double String Orchestra, Vivaldi's Concerto for Two String Choirs.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £3-£6.

DANCE

☆ **RUSHES:** Siobahn Davies's first production for Ballet Rambert opens the London season with Richard Alston's *Dutiful Ducks* and *Zansa*, also Ashley Page's *Carmen Arcadiae.*
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Roseberry Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£10.50.

☆ **THE LESSON:** Rudolf Nureyev and Evelyne Desutter star in Flemming Flindt's new production for the Northern Ballet Theatre, together with *Miss Julie.*
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061 236 9922), 7.30-10.30pm, £5.50-£15.50.

☆ **ALLEGRO, VIVACE MA NON TROPPO:** British premiere by Italian choreographer Adriana Borriello for her own group; music by Kodaly.
Mitchell Theatre, Granville Street, Glasgow (Mayfest Box Office 041 552 5961), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50.

☆ **LISBON DANCE COMPANY:** Unknown quantity here for the first time.
Bloomsbury Dance Theatre, Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9626), 7.30-9.30pm, £5.50-£6.50.

OPERA

★ **DON GIOVANNI:** Revival of Jonathan Miller's austere Mozart production with Steven Page in the title role and Michael Lloyd replacing Roger Norrington in the pit tonight.
English National Opera, Colseum, St Mark's Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7-10.20pm, £2-£18.50.

☆ **LA BOHÈME:** A comparitively middle-of-the-road production by David Freeman, sung in English and conducted by Clive Timms.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482 20463), 7.15-9.45pm, £3.50-£14.50.

ROCK

☆ **SWEET HONEY IN THE ROCK:** From firm gospel foundations this *a cappella* group from Washington DC builds a towering musical edifice comprising jazz, *blues, soul* and social comment.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 7.30pm, £6.50-£8.50.

★ **TOM JONES:** see panel below.
The Cornwall Coliseum, Carlyon Bay, St. Austell, Cornwall (072681 4004), 8.30pm.

☆ **VOICE OF THE BEEHIVE:** An *odd line-up,* comprising Madness's former rhythm section and a female American singing duo. Support is the insufferable Proclaimers.
Coventry Polytechnic, Priory Street (0203 24166), 8pm, £2.50-£3.

☆ **THE FALL:** Following *Hey! Luciani,* his peculiar play about the rocking Pope, the latest offering from Mark E. Smith's warped combo is a roughly faithful recording of R. Dean Taylor's hit, "There's a Ghost in My House".
Astoria, 157 Charing Cross Road, London WC2 (01-437 1801), 7.30pm, £5. For two nights.

★ **THE ALARM:** Last night of a road-test tour of *new material* for the next album. Support is Wire Train, post-psychedelicists from San Francisco.
National, 234 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 (01-328 3141). 7.30pm, £5.

The original medallion man, Tom Jones, came to prominence in the Sixties with hits like "It's Not Unusual" and "Green Green Grass Of Home". In his expensive suits, with a mogul's cigar frequently jammed in his mouth, he cut an odd figure at a time when the rock world was turning to caftans and long hair. His booming baritone and unabashed machismo have long sustained him as a Las Vegas favourite, but now the 46-year-old Welshman follows his unlikely comeback to the British Top 10 with his *first* tour of this country in three years.

JAZZ

☆ **COMPANY WEEK:** Guitarist Derek Bailey's collection of free improvisers features Lee Konitz (alto saxophone), Richard Teitelbaum (synthesizers) and Barre Phillips (bass).
Arts Theatre, Great Newport Street, London W1 (01-836 2132), 8pm, £3.50.

☆ **CEDAR WALTON TRIO:** Literate post-bop piano, somewhere between Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans in approach.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

☆ **NUCLEUS:** Trumpeter Ian Carr with the latest edition of his pioneering jazz-rock group.
Darlington Arts Centre (0325 483168), 8pm, £3.

☆ **MOIRÉ MUSIC:** Trevor Watts, known for his pioneering work with the Spontaneous Music Ensemble, now leads a group dedicated to achieving the re-synthesis of jazz and African music.
King's Head, 2 Crouch End Hill, London N8 (01-340 1028), 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **AL COHN:** The veteran tenor saxophonist is a graduate *cum laude* of the Lester Young academy.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722), 9.30pm, £6.

☆ **YANK LAWSON & DICK WELLSTOOD:** US trumpeter and pianist appear with Littlejohn's Jazzers.
100 Club, 100 Oxford Street, London W1 (01-636 0933), 8pm, £5.

GALLERIES

PARMIGIANINO: Paintings, *drawings and prints by an early* 16th century Italian mannerist.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, *Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until July 12.*

AMERICAN OLD MASTERS: A nostalgic trip down memory lane with pop art die-hards Lichtenstein, Rauschenberg, Rosenquist and Warhol.
The Mayor Gallery, 22a Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 3558), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, *until June 20.*

K'ANG HSI: Chinese porcelain from the period 1662 to 1722, some of it exquisitely decorated with domestic and rural scenes.
Bernheimer Fine Arts, 32 St. George Street, London W1 (01-499 0293), *Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm,* free, until May 29.

ELIZABETH LYONS: Paintings, rich in colour and impasto, featuring figures who are anxious scions of the nuclear age.
Art Space Gallery, 84 St. Peter's Street, London N1 (01-359 7002), Tues-Sat 2-7pm, Sun 4-7pm, free, until June 3.

PAMELA KAY: Still-life watercolours by one of the most popular sellers at Royal Watercolour Society shows.
Chris Beetles Ltd, 10 Ryder Street, London SW1 (01-839 7551), Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, *free, until* May 29.

BRIDGES AND ENGINEERING: Design drawings for railways, pumping engines and civil architecture, including a series of London Bridge designs from 1800, one of them by Telford.
Weinreb Architectural Gallery, at Henry Sotheran Books, 2-5 Sackville Street, London W1 (01-734 1150), Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, free, until June 5.

WALKS

HISTORY OF THE COCKNEYS – POOR ALLEYS *AMID* WEALTH: meet St. Paul's tube, 11am, £2.50.

TREASURES AND TRIVIA OF MAYFAIR AND ST. JAMES'S: meet Green Park tube, 11am, £2.

SAXON, VIKING AND NORMAN LONDON: meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St. Paul's tube, 7pm, £2.50.

HISTORIC PUB WALK – WESTMINSTER: meet Westminster tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

BRITISH NONCONFORMIST SCHOOLS: Lecture by George Bartle.
New Gallery, Hornsey Library, Haringey Park, Crouch End, N8 (01-888 8891), 8pm.

WAYS FORWARD IN EUROPEAN DEFENCE: Lecture by Eric Grove, defence consultant, Common Security Programme.
Dunamis at St. James's, Piccadilly, Brass Rubbing Centre, 197 Piccadilly, W1, 6.30pm, £1.

LONDONERS IN THE EYES OF THE TOURIST: The 15th and 16th centuries. Lecture by Caroline Barron.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699), 1.10pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

ABBOTSBURY GARLAND DAY: Following an old tradition — originally a blessing of the sea to mark the start of the mackerel season — school children carry garlands of flowers round the village. Then the flowers are put on the cenotaph or set adrift on the sea.
Abbotsbury, Dorset, 5pm.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS: Demonstrations of butter-making, baking on an old range, peg rug making and flat-ironing. An 1817 printing press will be working and children may try their hand.
Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln. (0522-28448). Today, tomorrow. Two sessions: children 10am-1pm; Senior citizens 2pm onwards. Adult 40p, child 20p.

GARDEN EVENT: Author and naturalist Jane Ratcliffe on "Wild life in my garden".
Brockhole Visitor Centre, Lake District National Park, Windermere, Cumbria, 1.30pm. Admission to centre: adult £1.20, *child* 60p.

RICHMOND AND DISTRICT SOROPTOMISTS: Fashion show in aid of charity.
Georgian Theatre Royal, Richmond, North Yorkshire, 7.30pm, £2.00.

LET'S DANCE: Two workshops — 7-10 year olds 4.30pm. 11-16 year olds *5.30pm.*
Natural Health Centre, Brighton, Sussex, £1.25.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

BARBICAN CENTRE: Booking for June, including costumed performance of *The Gondoliers* and concert performance of *Boris Gudonov,* and Joshua Rifkin playing Scott Joplin. Also Roger Whittaker, Tom Paxton, Pasadena Roof Orchestra, and Julian Lloyd Webber.
Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-638 8891)

LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET: Booking for *Birmingham visit in* performance of Frederick Ashton's *Romeo and Juliet.* June 1-6.
Birmingham Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021 622 7486)

GEORGIAN STATE DANCE COMPANY: USSR company on tour, June-July, with venues including Brighton (Brighton Centre, 0273 202881); Birmingham (Hippodrome, 021 622 7486); Aberdeen (His Majesty's, 0224 641122); and Edinburgh (Usher *Hall, 031 228 1564).*

LAST CHANCE

THE ART OF WATERCOLOUR: Works by Durer, Cézanne, Rembrandt, Picasso, Turner, Blake and Constable; with sketches by more than 60 artists, from 16th century to present. British works by Edward Lear and Paul Nash.
Castle Museum, Norwich (0603 61127). Until Sunday

UNPAINTED LANDSCAPES: Works, including those by Richard Long and Hamish Fulton, who work with landscape without paints. Until Saturday.
Victoria Miro, 21 Cork Street, London W1 (01-734 5082)

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

THE TIMES / DEC SCHNEIDER COMPETITION

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ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Tomor 1.00 JUNIOR GUILDHALL STRING ENSEMBLE 7.45 LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Ton't 7.00 Don Giovanni. Tomor 8.00 The Stone Guest.

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THE ARTS

Wrongly risible

In the American series *Highway to Heaven* (ITV), Michael Landon plays a probationary angel who has been posted to California to earn his wings. In his ambitiously tight jeans he walks unannounced into people's private lives and gives their dirty linen a quick rinse. The idea has a certain comic potential but it is risible for entirely the wrong reasons and, principally, for Landon's performance. To describe his acting as wooden would be unfair to trees.

Moved by a charitable impulse, one grasps at excuses. Perhaps the star is the relatively innocent dupe of an inept writer, or an obsequious

TELEVISION

director, or a cynical producer, or all three? But when the credits roll they reveal that writer, director and producer are the same man — someone called Michael Landon. He is not just the owner of this jerry-built property, he is the architect as well.

The property itself is interesting because it represents a 1980s version of a tenacious American daydream, born in the desolation of the 1930s depression. In a society obsessed with the notion of individual freedom and the sanctity of private gain, poverty was a sin and misfortune a form of divine judgement. So when poverty and misfortune overtook millions it became necessary to invent an intercessor, human or celestial, who would ride heaven-sent to the rescue.

In comics he was Superman or Captain America. In Thirties Hollywood movies he was nearly always an angel disguised as a rich philanthropist, the embodiment of a childish faith in the theology of luck. Landlords could cheat you, hoodlums rob you, disease bring you down, but somewhere out there an angel in gabardine was giving a cab-driver your address.

Clearly, the makers of *Highway to Heaven* have sensed that, in a country which dreamed up a social welfare *philosophy called* "benign neglect", more people than ever will be queuing up for opiates. So never mind the bread, how about some angel cake?

Michael Dean

A stage thrillingly alight

THEATRE

Major new productions of Eugene O'Neill, at the Lyttelton and at Greenwich, prompt a move to revaluation, as Irving Wardle reports

Since his last-minute comeback with *Long Day's Journey into Night*, Eugene O'Neill has been seen as a Peer Gynt-like artist who wasted his creative prime on fruitless experimental wanderings and only discovered his *true voice* when he settled for telling the bare autobiographical truth. This view spares us the trouble of examining his other work; and it looks much less plausible in the light of these two productions — both of plays from the 1920s, written before O'Neill had taken the full experimental plunge. In The Hairy Ape you can see *him* inventing American expressionism; in Desire Under the Elms he restages classical *mythology in New England*. But both are fired by an irresistible combination of narrative clarity and *white-hot energy*.

Peter Stein's production of *The Hairy Ape* also marks the opening of the National Theatre's "International Theatre 87" series: the first event on this scale London has seen *since the* demise of the World Theatre Season in 1973. It is a long-overdue necessity, and *its only chance* of resuming regular life — however great the efforts of Sir Peter Hall and the trouble-*shooting Thelma Holt* — lies in wholehearted public support.

If that *salute sounds less than* wholehearted it is because Monday's performance overran by some 50 *minutes*. No doubt that will be corrected. But *The Hairy Ape* is a piece of powerfully rhythmic momentum, which Stein repeatedly interrupts for the sake of elaborate set-changes — the last of which evokes Central Park Zoo with a blinding light hitting the audience smack in the eyes.

So much for peevish complaint. You might also cite Lucio Fanti's as a supreme example of top-heavy German design, were it not that Fanti supplies answers to the crucial design problems of this text. Its scenes are laid in the expressionist form of eight "stations" which take Yank, the *Neanderthal stoker, from his natural* habitat in the liner's stokehole to alienation and death on the streets of *New York*. But the opening scenes for Yank and his shipmates are very much in the vein of O'Neill's naturalistic early sea plays. It is only when the action reaches Manhattan, with Yank rebounding from crowds of top-hatted Fifth Avenue swells and finally meeting his death in the embrace of his primate *alter ego*, that expressionism takes over.

Donald Cooper

Man of steel in a steely world: Roland Schäfer as Yank in *The Hairy Ape*

Fanti's solution to this is to present the scenes of the voyage in an all-steel *environment. The stage presents* the hull of the liner in the form of three huge plates which, in turn, slide open to *reveal the* forecastle, the promenade deck and the stokehole.

This *matches the reality of the* writing, and the nature of Yank himself, who claims to *be a man of steel. It also presents a sequence of* thrilling and magnificent *stage pictures*: *from the* opening sight of the fire crew cramped under a low metal roof, to the apparition of the stokehole, the stage burning from end to end with open furnace doors, and the arrival of the billionaire's slumming daughter, in silver shoes and glistening white *dress down to the red, sweating* inferno. O'Neill, whatever his experimental interests, was the son of a barnstorming father. And *what this* German company justifiably present is a sumptuous display of Drury Lane melodrama.

With the move to New York, Fanti's design vocabulary is transformed to one of grotesque perspectives and representational materials. *A bus is simply a plywood cut-out.* Skyscrapers and shops waltz into the middle of the road to display their astronomically overpriced wares as stellar dollar-signs winking out of stained-glass windows. When a prison *inmate starts reading a senatorial* denunciation of the Wobblies, there, high above the cells, is Senator Queen in full spate.

Aesthetic qualities apart, I do not understand Stein's motive in reviving the play. It tells the story of a man who thinks he belongs, and then discovers himself to be dispossessed. O'Neill repeatedly likens him to Rodin's Thinker: an image of developing *homo sapiens* which Yank finally contradicts by sliding down the evolutionary ladder. Roland Schäfer's Yank eliminates that contradiction. But he also comes over, on board ship, as a man of superior intelligence and physique, rather than the "filthy beast" from whom the decadent *Mildred (Corinna* Kirchhoff) recoils. What the performance records, with passages of prodigious violence and *emotional devastation, is the decline* of a man who was happy in hell to one who is a stranger on the earth. If the production supplies any *ideologically* structured framework to this sentimental view of the character, I did not detect it.

For Yank, "belonging" remains a debatable abstraction. In *Desire Under the Elms* it becomes a concrete reality. It means Ephraim Cabot's farm; and there is no talk of belonging because everyone knows he *belongs there*. From the first to the last lines of the play every character who sets eyes on the property is over*whelmed* by its beauty and by the desire to own it.

Patrick Mason's Greenwich production gives them small reason for this response. O'Neill specified an interior-exterior setting contrasting the radiance of nature against the darkness of a man-made prison. On *Joe Vanek's stage all we get is the* bleak timbered prison.

This matters because the ideas of happiness and fulfilment are central to the play. It shows the pursuit of material inheritance being thrown off course by an incestuous love-affair between Ephraim's young wife and his son: a love which she confirms by murdering her child. In the form of an American folk-drama, it integrates the myths of Medea and Phaedra; hence its characters' astonishing lack of guilt.

Its tragic radiance is marvellously conveyed by Carmen de Sautoy as the wife. Otherwise the performances are full of guilty intimations unsupported by the text: most of all in Tom Hickey's spry, life-stifling old Ephraim — a figure closer to Patrick Kavanagh's *The Great Hunger* than to *the lusty New England patriarch*. The production has its good points, but it seems to convert a tragedy of American Protestant choice into a grim tale of Irish Catholic necessity.

Clive Barda

Eva Marton making a Turandot of commanding tonal beauty

OPERA

Turandot
Covent Garden

To join Stravinsky's *Nightingale* the Royal Opera have now revived a second night at the Chinese opera: *Turandot*, in the matchless production by Andrei Şerban. As the widespread successes of this staging have proved, the *enfolding of oriental theatre* into the action is more than a bright idea: it provides for a dramatic climate in which the *commedia dell'arte* aspects of the work can tumble freely into play, and it also provides for a stylization that strikes to the frozen heart of this puzzling, fascinating and disturbing opera.

With the fiercely beautiful images and colours of Sally Jacobs's designs looking as *fresh as they did in 1984*, and with Kate Flatt's choreography perhaps even more poised in a strange stillness, this is a production demanding to be seen.

And indeed to be heard. Eva Marton makes her long-delayed British début in the title-role, which she assumes with greater ease than either of her predecessors. There is a radiance to her singing that hangs on in there even when she is at *her highest and loudest*: this is at last a Turandot of commanding beauty and believable youth.

The command one might have guessed from her Vienna recording, but the beauty is greater than was to be presumed, *since the tone of spite* in the second act has been overcome, or rethought. The *coldness is there in the* manner of delivery, and so there is room now for a greater richness, a gleam of gold. In the third act this manner was still more perfected, although without quite eradicating a troublesome wobble. What Miss Marton might also think about eradicating is her gesturing with her arms. The lesson from eastern theatre must surely be that movements have to be sudden and definite; but really no Turandot *has to act at all, certainly* if she has the size, majesty and thrilling immediacy of voice *that Miss Marton possesses.*

The only other newcomer to the cast is Cynthia Haymon, who provides a Liù as sensitive and vulnerable as any*one could wish, with a voice of* piercing poignancy. Franco Bonisolli repeats his strapping Calaf, earning the applause he received for a "Nessun dorma" thrown off with inimitable bravado. Robert Lloyd is again a powerful Timur, although perhaps just on the edge of trying to make the part more than it can be.

And there is the same trio of maskers, whom perhaps age or caution has made a little less acrobatic, although there is ample compensation in their more individual performances: like any troupe of clowns, they include the sentimental idealist in Adrian Martin's lyrical Pong, the playful ironist in Kim Begley's Pang and *the cynic in Alan Opie's strong* Ping. One could wish for such variety and interplay of tone *in the conducting*, but Jacques Delacôte again shows himself reluctant to explore the score's sophistications. When the stage is so rife with life, if life of a peculiar sort, it is sad that the orchestra and chorus should sound so tired and ragged.

Paul Griffiths

Magical sense of period

CINEMA

David Robinson at the Cannes Festival

Cannes is promising: four days into the festival there are already two potential prize-winners. Nikita Mikhalkov's **Black Eyes**, an Italian production partly shot in the Soviet Union, is a return to Chekhov, 10 years after *Unfinished Piece for Mechanical Piano*. Again it is Chekhov in spirit rather than letter: the scenario is an amalgam of several stories including principally *The Lady With the Little Dog*, which was filmed long ago and memorably by Josef Heifetz.

Marcello Mastroianni is the quintessential Chekhov clown — a charming, weak, mendacious man who has married above himself. The story is the tragicomedy of his romantic pursuit of a married Russian lady which is defeated by his own hopeless cowardice.

The period re-creation, both in Italy and the USSR, is magical; and Mikhalkov displays his utmost virtuosity in shifting the mood from operetta and high farce to pathos and nostalgia. By chance, Mikhalkov is competing in Cannes *against* his brother Andrei Konchalovski, who appears as director of an American production, *Shy People*.

Britain's first contender, **The Belly of an Architect**, is Peter Greenaway's most accomplished work, a *characteristic* intellectual game, chilly, misanthropic and visually brilliant. His thesis (there always is one) is the ephemerality of human life and ambitions. His theatre is provided by the great antiquities of Rome, photographed with a flair that gives them new aspects.

Against this setting he plays a melodrama that might come from the lives of the Caesars. An American architect, eaten up by self-love and stomach cancer, comes to Rome to mount an exhibition (in honour of an 18th-century architect convincingly established by *Greenaway*), but finds himself the victim of palace *plots* and marital infidelity. Brian Dennehy's performance in the title-role establishes *him as an authentic star after* a long career in supporting parts.

Inevitably the major investor in the film is Channel 4, who have had another success in the "Directors' Fortnight" with the directorial début of *the writer* David Leland. **Wish You Were Here** is a prelude to *Personal Services*, about the *rumbustious adolescence* of Cynthia Payne, whose memoirs clearly have a beneficial influence on British cinema. Apart from Ms Payne the film's greatest asset is the actress who plays her, a dazzling commediene called Emily Lloyd.

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CONCERTS

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A week ago on this page Paul Griffiths, writing from Zurich, praised the trumpeter Håkan *Hardenberger for his performance* of Harrison Birtwistle's new work, *Endless Parade*. We did not, alas, hear that piece in this BBC lunchtime concert; instead the New Stockholm Chamber Orchestra brought with them something eminently accessible, though of formidable technical difficulty, for him to play, namely André Jolivet's Concertino for piano, trumpet and strings of 1948.

One need not *dwell* on the modesty of this music's ambitions, for the trumpeter's concerto repertoire, despite Birtwistle's efforts, remains *limited and therefore to be* treated with all possible tolerance. In any case, although it is essentially a display piece, the Jolivet possesses a vitality and lyricism which should immediately disarm anyone tempted to take it to task for its conservatism. And it also affords Hardenberger the chance to show us just how remarkable his skills are.

Certainly, no trumpeter that I have heard before has made *his instrument sing quite as he* does, has articulated double-tongued passages with such *precision or, perhaps most* impressively of all, has produced such a variety of tone-colours, by turns resonantly resplendent (though never coarse) or as smoothly rounded as a clarinet might be in, say, a Brahms slow movement. All of this is effected with an unostentatious platform manner which makes *clear that for him the music* matters most. Composers thinking of enlarging the repertoire further may care to note.

Hardenberger's *Swedish* compatriots and colleagues, directed from the leader's desk by Ulf Forsberg, fulfilled their definitively accompanimental role deftly, though in another hall the piano would surely have added a touch more sparkle to Jolivet's neo-classical textures than it actually did here. On their own, the string *players demonstrated the* assurance that one might expect from a group working in what, to judge from all the Scandinavian activities that have lately taken place this side of the North Sea, is obviously a fertile musical climate.

They began with a small revelation in the form of *Eduard Tubin's Music for* Strings, composed in 1963 and, again, considering that date, a fairly modest work. Tubin, an Estonian composer who was born in 1905 and moved to Sweden in 1944, surely deserves more than the 10 lines allocated to him in *The New Grove*.

The clarity and ingenuity of this work's structure are both impressive in the extreme, while his manner calls to mind not only the avant-gardistes of his youth — Bartók, Stravinsky and Shostakovich are all there somewhere — but also the lyrical and declamatory *inventiveness of only slightly* earlier music by Lutosławski. It was given a beautifully shaped performance, as indeed was Nielsen's early but elegant and idiomatic Little Suite, Op 1.

Stephen Pettitt

LONDON DEBUTS

Most young artists choose to *introduce themselves* with music from the standard repertoire. While some might *include a short new work for* variety, it is unusual to come across a programme as brief and fragmentary as that offered by the Finnish pianist **Ilkka Paananen**. The only item of any substance was a D major Sonata by Haydn, in *which the clean textures and* neat pointing of rhythms suggested a fine sensitivity to the classical style in the making.

The real surprise came after the interval. *With the aid of a* projector and screen the pianist performed his own Duo for Piano and Film, in which some aimless im*provisation accompanied* a vaguely erotic silent film featuring, among other parts of the anatomy, a bare foot walking over the piano keys. This piece, over almost before it began, introduced an element of eccentricity that was wholly absent elsewhere.

The **Helios Orchestra** is a chamber ensemble which has been in existence for about a year. Sufficiently encouraged by their success to date, they decided to move on to their first South Bank appearance with a mixed baroque programme. On this showing the *group is working at the upper* end of the amateur scale. Intonation remains their weakest point, most noticeably in the unsure intervals that troubled them in Purcell's chromatic G minor Chacony, but under the cogent direction of their conductor Edward Kay most of the performances kept up a strong sense of purpose and lively momentum.

Indeed, their character is more positive as an ensemble than as individuals. Solo work, whether in Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 5 or his Concerto for Oboe and Violin, tended to be earnest and deliberate, while tutti sections immediately raised the level of tension. At least all the pieces seemed well rehearsed. In Vivaldi's *Gloria* they were joined by the Helios Singers, a group of eight who mirror the instrumentalists in sounding better together than *when they sing individually.* Intonation was once again a problem here, but there was enough energy to carry the music along. The Helios Orchestra is lucky to have a director who can draw from them playing of the right style, be it in Purcell or Vivaldi.

Richard Fairman

Fischer-Dieskau/Höll
Elizabeth Hall

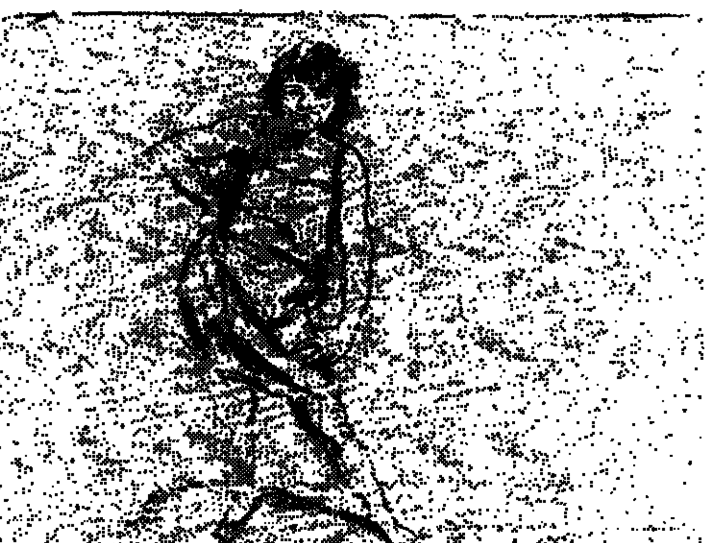
The centrepiece of Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau's recital triptych *was unveiled on Monday*: an alarmingly grim set of 14 songs from *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* in which Mahler's often ambivalent settings were turned, almost without exception, on their dark side.

Those who find too much artifice in Fischer-Dieskau's performances will certainly *have found it here*. From the first long anacrusis of anticipation in Hartmut Höll's piano *opening of "Rheinlegendchen"* to Fischer-Dieskau's own harsh bending of its waltz rhythms, it was clear that not a second would be left to chance. Those who hear his art differently will have wondered at the bitterness of the irony it expressed. Even the simplest, most innocent of folk-songs like "Wer hat dies Liedlein erdacht?" was shot through with flashes of mocking self-awareness: sudden, violent crescendi in an *entire stanza of half-voice, and* a bitter-sweet legato which came into its own in "Des Antonius von Padua Fischpredigt".

It was rather like looking at a series of enigmatic Expressionist paintings — like Nolde's *Unpainted Pictures* perhaps — where meaning is intensely present but always veiled. Extremes of dynamic strength and of pitch were emphasized in a voice which could wonderfully well sustain them: the searing final farewell of "Scheiden und Meiden" rang in the memory *against the far distant mid*night cry of the "Sentinel's Nightsong".

The "military" songs formed a particularly striking group, *not least because* of Höll's brilliantly evocative piano-playing. There was "Der Tambourgesell" with each roll of the drum pounding at the temples. Where most singers are happy to let the drummer-boy take his leave *lightly, Fischer-Dieskau made* his "Gute Nacht" a cry from which the rest would certainly be silence. And there was the extraordinary narrative of the "Reveille", slowly built from a grim toy march to a ghastly staring vision of the final pity of war.

Hilary Finch



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A promising race track pupil called . . . Stewart

Spare a little sympathy for the young man at whom so many cameras were pointed yesterday. His name is Paul Stewart and he is about to become a racing driver. His father's name is Jackie. What an act to have to follow.

The three times world champion and his wife, Helen, were less than overjoyed when they heard that Paul, aged 21, the elder of their two sons, intended to follow in his father's tracks.

Mr Stewart senior, who is now an international businessman, would have much preferred his son to have gone into commerce. He was not present yesterday for the announcement of Paul's foray into Formula Ford as he was on his way home from a business meeting in Australia.

A compromise has been reached. Paul, who is in the final year of a degree course at Duke University in North Carolina, studying political science and international law, is to confine his racing to 13 events.

These will begin with a race at Castle Combe in Wiltshire on May 25, and will be restricted to his four-month vacation. Then it will be back to university to graduate next May.

"After that, it depends on how well I do on the track," he said yesterday. "If it doesn't turn out the way I want it to, I'll settle for a business career instead, which also excites me. But I must find out first how I get on on the track."

Paul first discussed the possibility of racing with his father in 1983, after watching the British Grand Prix. He asked his father to fund a course at a racing driver's school.

"I refused," Mr Stewart said. "I really thought he should complete his university studies before he turned his thoughts to anything like that. Paul went along with my suggestion, although I was aware that his desire to compete had been in his mind for sometime. After all, he had been on the edge of the business for most of his life."

Last Christmas Paul raised the subject again and was told that if he was that determined he would have to make his own way. There would be no financial assistance from the family.

By that time he had already taken a high performance driving course in the United States. The next step was to enrol at the Brands Hatch racing drivers school, which he did after borrowing a driving licence from a friend.

"I wanted to get a genuine assessment of my driving ability, and I thought I might stand a better chance if the instructors didn't know my real identity" he said. The instructors reported that he was one of the most promising prospects the school had seen in years.

Paul then raised the sponsorship to enable him to run a Formula Ford Van Diemen.

> **When he first told me my heart sank. I thought: Oh no, not again.**

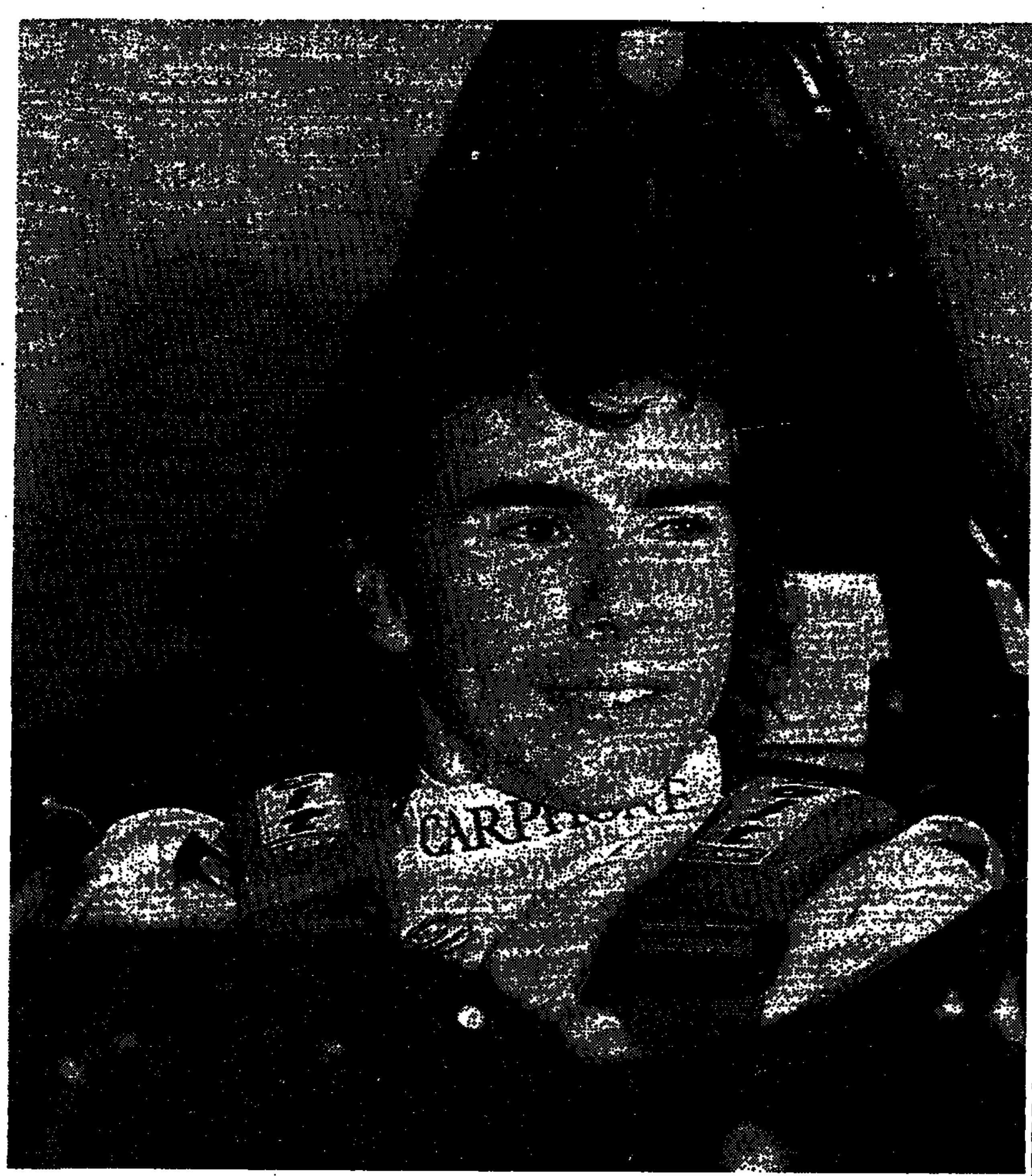
Jackie Stewart's absence yesterday had been carefully planned. He said before he flew to Australia: "This must be Paul's day. He has undertaken it all himself, and I want him to have room to himself."

"Nevertheless, I didn't really want him to do it. Although motor racing is unquestionably very much safer than it was when I retired, I wasn't at all keen. I suppose if you really love your children you just don't want them to get involved in something like this, although I was exactly the same with my parents."

Mrs Helen Stewart said: "When he first told me, my heart sank. I thought 'Oh no, not again', but if he really wants to go racing then he must be allowed to try it.

"I'm being very brave about it right now, but I'm sure I'll break up inside when I see him in a car. It was just the same when Jackie was racing.

"Everybody said how cool and detached I seemed to be, but I certainly didn't feel like that at all inside.



Paul Stewart in his racing car yesterday (Photograph: Tim Bishop) and, below, alongside his father 16 years ago.

Commons sketch

Frittering away Question Time

Mr Tony Benn (Chesterfield) was wearing a black tie and standing to attention at the Bar of the House. To the left of him and to the right of him roared the canons of abuse as his comrades prepared for the dark night of the poll.

"Frit! Frit! Frit!" boomed Labour's battered forces when The Prime Minister told The Leader of the Opposition that she would prefer not to have a public debate with him on any matter or matters upon which they didn't see eye to eye. The Leader of the Opposition asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him why not. "Frit! Frit! Frit!" came a fresh bombardment as the Prime Minister whispered her reply. "Frit! Frit! Frit!"

Mr Tony Benn, still at attention, placed his right hand to his ear and began to whiddle his earpiece about. The Prime Minister now speaks so softly that she might just as well merely open and shout her mouth, as in the manner of a chorister who hasn't bothered to learn the words. Perhaps it isn't what she says that matters any more, but the fact that she is good enough to say anything at all. In fact, it was later clear on the radio that she had said that a public debate would generate more heat than light. Ah! Were it only to generate more sound!

By the time Mr Tony Benn had finished whiddling, the Prime Minister had finished whispering. He now stood with his hands behind his back, looking rather like a black sheep brother of Prince Philip might look were he to suffer a particularly painful toothache.

Had the Prime Minister been panicked into an election? John McWilliam (Labour, Blaydon) believed that the election was a means of covering up secret and hideously grim economic figures.

Mr David Crouch (Canterbury, Conservative) bumbled to his feet and managed to freeze the frits by the mere mention of the Zeebrugge disaster. Zeebrugge is a powerful weapon, able to silence all opposition with a single shot.

Mr Crouch recalled sitting beside the Prime Minister in the Canterbury Cathedral service for the Zeebrugge victims. Alas, he had never had the pleasure of sitting beside her as a Minister, but if he had been returning to the chamber after the election, he would be very happy to take his seat behind his Rt Hon friend once again.

The use of Zeebrugge to gain hush for a bit of fawning seemed completely gratuitous, but no man was brave enough to chide him for it. Had Mr Tony Benn yelled "Zeebrugge" at the top of his voice he would have hushed the Frits, heard the Prime Minister, and need not now be queuing for his new earpiece.

As the firing went to and fro, Mr Benn stood his ground, grim, unsmiling and largely unnoticed. There had been a number of searing indictments exploding, and a good few miseries and complete despairs too. Eric Heffer (Walton, Labour) said little, but his brown and white striped shirt combined with a navy blue and white diagonal tie (with emblems) sirened his attitude to all major issues far and wide.

It had fallen to Barry Sheerman (Labour, Huddersfield) to throw out the Rubbishes. "Rubbish!" he shouted at the Kenneth Clarke, with a broad grin on his face. "Rubbish!" he shouted again, the grin relaxing to a smile. By the third or fourth Rubbish, he had lost the joke entirely, and by the fifth or sixth he was bursting with red-faced indignation. Such is the power of even the most turgid words to control the mind behind the mouth out of which they leap.

Mr Benn maintained his head in a forwardly direction. At times he appeared unaware that Question Time was raging, or even that he was in the Palace of Westminster, so deep seemed his inner turmoil. To his right stood Rosie Barnes, behind him Sir Ian Gilmour, yet neither reached out a hand to comfort him.

His fellow invalid, Mr Tony Banks (Labour, Newham North West), asked the Prime Minister whether the great rise in street crime heralded a return to Victorian values. Mr Benn looked at his brown shoes for several seconds and, on raising his head, he revealed himself in even greater distress than he had been before. Brown shoes! Black suit! Perhaps he had been panicked into a selection.

Craig Brown

Kremlin quiet on Healey

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the Labour spokesman was described by diplomatic observers as looking rattled by the response to his claim, made after a meeting at the Communist Party's ruling Central Committee on Monday.

At one point, he did not notice that microphones were turned on when he whispered to his only aide that he had not yet prepared his remarks.

Mr Healey appeared taken aback by the string of questions on his claims about the Kremlin's electoral preferences, which he said had been reinforced by a 2½-hour meeting earlier in the day with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister.

"What the Labour Party has been endorsed for doing is supporting the sort of solution to the problem of disarmament which is supported by the Republican Administration in the US, and for us to reject that sort of endorsement would be to almost leave the human race," the Labour spokesman replied when asked whether Kremlin backing would boost his party's chances.

Earlier, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Kremlin's chief spokesman, deliberately side-stepped a question from *The Times* about whether Mr Healey's controversial claims were true. Instead of offering an opinion or even one of his normal witticisms, Mr Gerasimov told a briefing that all questions on the issue should be referred directly to the shadow Foreign secretary.

Before flying home Mr Healey recorded a lengthy television interview with one of the three Soviet interviewers who earlier questioned Mrs Thatcher and were generally agreed to have been defeated in their arguments with her.

Hailsham to stay on

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worries about his health, Sir Geoffrey Howe QC, and increasingly Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Law Lord.

But with Sir Geoffrey thought unlikely to relinquish his ambitions for the Tory leadership, Lord Mackay, former Lord Advocate, is taking over as a front-runner.

He is believed to have impressed the Prime Minister as Lord Advocate – principal law officer in Scotland – from 1979 to 1984 when he became a law lord.

Colleagues believe, however, that if Sir Geoffrey were persuaded to go to the Lords, his support in the party would line up behind Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Other names being tipped include Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls; and Mr Leon Brittan QC.

Sir Michael Havers is not contesting his Wimbledon seat, and his post of Attorney General is likely to go Sir Patrick Mayhew QC, present Solicitor General.

Mr Nicholas Lyell QC, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Social Security, would probably become Solicitor General.

Link to smallpox supported

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said that individuals infected with HIV could be exposed to potential complications, including the development of Aids, if they received the vaccine.

He emphasized that vaccination in itself was not a cause of Aids infection, and that anyone who was not carrying the Aids virus was not at risk as a result of immunization against any disease.

An editorial in the *New England Journal of Medicine* stated that "convincing evidence that immunizations accelerate the clinical course of HIV infection is lacking" and suggested that the development of Aids in the case of the soldier could have been a coincidence.

But Dr Wright said yesterday: "I don't think it was a coincidence, but the extent to which this case may have been reflected in Africa is an untested hypothesis. It is possible, but nobody really knows".

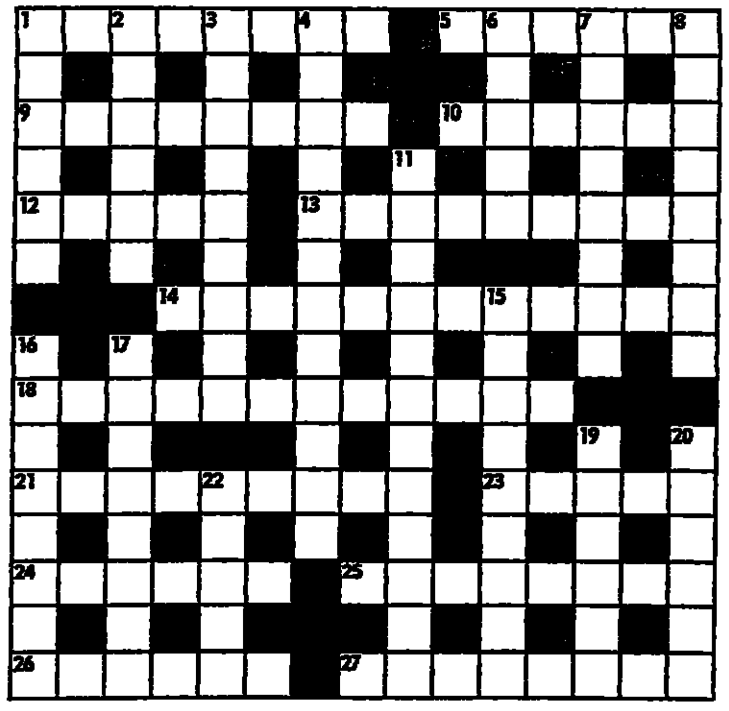
The prevalence of HIV in African countries was likely to have been very low during the years of the WHO smallpox programme, he said.

"There is no doubt that Aids is essentially a sexually transmitted disease and that the next most common form of spread is through contaminated blood products.

"But I don't think it can be categorically stated that cases of Aids did not occur as a result of smallpox immunization of individuals who, unknown at that time to anyone, were infected with the Aids virus."

Dr Wright's co-authors of the paper were Dr Robert Redfield, Dr William James, Dr Stephen Jones, Dr Charles Brown and Dr Donald Burke.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,355



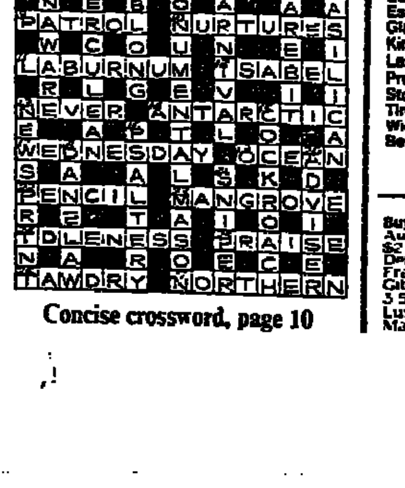
ACROSS

1 After study, the battle's course is clear (8).
5 Get down fluid to the limit (6).
9 Take not a step out of line, before the numbers are known (4-4).
10 Spit in beer – the little devil started it (6).
12 Pours from more than one side, one is told (5).
13 Fail to finish trap for insect (9).
14 Convincing demonstration that ridiculous person needs fewer clothes (6,6).
18 Sort of territory Cromwell gobbled up (12).
21 To run away twice – not like this soldier (6,3).
23 Brown or black, there's uncertainty either way (5).
24 Account for former Israeli leader who called in the doctor (6).
25 Cat with a cough – a fearsome hacker (8).
26 The day the war ended, rabbit was about as import (6).
27 Back one who seeks to keep his title (8).

DOWN

1 Modest husband finds place in Indian social system (6).
2 Rabbit Jack could turn into a toad (6).
3 Description of human thumb is open to contradiction (9).
4 Accidental death coming between the motorways and the river (12).
6 No support for the leg in this dance! (5).
7 Draw out angle exceptionally small (8).
8 All enthusiastic at first, and in the fullest sense united (8).
11 Coup leads to seizure by boss (12).
15 Following out new order in anger (9).
16 Plague that affected half of France in poem (8).
17 The doctor's English, the poet admits (8).
19 A way to capture a snake on a ship (6).
20 City man not so well-off? (6).
22 Uplift revealed by bra is exciting (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,354



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WEATHER

General situation: A cool north-westerly airstream covers Britain. The day will have a cold start, with ground frost in a few places sheltered from the north-westerly wind. There will be sunny periods and most places will stay dry, although in eastern parts of England there will be some showers. London, the south coast and south Wales will have maximum temperatures of around 13-14C (55-57F). The east coast of England will be cooler, maximum 10-12C (50-54F), while the Midlands, north Wales and north-west England will fall somewhere in between. In Northern Ireland and western Scotland it will become cloudy later in the day with some rain by midnight. It will be rather cold generally with a fresh north-west wind. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: rather cool with some rain in all districts.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud, d, drizzle: f, fair, fg, fog: r, rain: s, sun: sn, snow: t, thunder

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	f	20	68	Melb'rne	f	21	70
Akrotiri	f	19	66	Mexico C*	f	23	73
Alex'dria	s	21	70	Miami*	f	29	84
Amst'dm	c	9	48	Milan	c	15	59
Athens	s	20	68	Moscow	c	15	59
Bahrain	s	31	88	Munich	f	18	64
Barbads*	s	29	84	Naples	s	21	70
Barcelna	s	19	66	N Delhi	s	34	93
Berlin	r	10	50	N York*	s	23	73
Bermuda*	s	23	73	Nice	s	18	64
Biarritz	f	15	59	Paris	c	12	54
Borde'x	c	14	57	Perth	f	17	63
Brussels	r	9	48	Reykjvik	f	5	41
Budapst	c	19	66	Rhodes	f	19	66
B Aires*	s	20	68	Rio de J	s	23	73
Cairo	s	25	77	Rome	s	20	68
C'blanca	s	21	70	Salzburg	f	18	64
Chicago*	s	28	82	S F'nsco*	s	17	63
Cologne	r	12	54	Santiago*	s	16	61
C'phagn	r	9	48	S Paulo*	d	17	63
Dublin	s	11	52	Seoul	s	24	75
Dubrovnik	s	17	63	Sing'por	f	27	81
Florence	c	20	68	St'kholm	c	7	45
Frankfurt	r	11	52	Sydney	c	21	70
Geneva	c	13	55	Tangier	c	22	72
Gibraltar	s	21	70	Tel aviv	s	24	75
Hong K	f	29	84	Tenerife	s	20	68
Innsbrck	f	16	61	Tokyo	c	24	75
Istanbul	s	19	66	Toronto*	c	28	82
Jo'burg*	s	23	73	Tunis	f	23	73
L Palmas	f	22	72	Valencia	s	25	77
Lisbon	c	19	66	Vanc'ver	r	14	57
Locarno	c	15	59	Venice	c	16	61
Luxembg	r	10	50	Vienna	c	16	61
Madrid	f	23	73	Warsaw	f	18	64
Majorca	s	22	72	Wash'ton*	s	31	88
Malaga	s	25	79	Wel'mton	c	13	55
Malta	f	20	68	Zurich	c	15	59

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.6	.11	13	55	shower
Bridlington	2.3	04	14	57	cloudy
Cromer	1.3	-	14	57	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.5	-	15	59	cloudy
Clacton	1.9	-	16	61	cloudy
Southend	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Margate	-	-	16	61	dull
Folkestone	2.0	-	14	57	cloudy
Hastings	2.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Eastbourne	3.7	-	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	2.3	-	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	3.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Littlehmptn	2.8	-	14	57	cloudy
Bognor R	2.5	-	14	57	cloudy
Southsea	1.8	-	13	55	cloudy
Sandown	2.8	-	14	57	bright
Shanklin	3.5	-	12	54	cloudy
Bournemth	1.9	-	14	57	bright
Poole	3.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Swanage	1.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	3.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Exmouth	1.4	-	15	59	cloudy
Teignmouth	1.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Torquay	1.8	-	15	59	cloudy
Falmouth	2.4	-	13	55	cloudy
Penzance	2.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Jersey	7.1	-	14	57	bright
Guernsey	5.8	-	15	59	sunny
Newquay	2.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Ilfracombe	1.7	-	13	55	dull
Minehead	2.9	06	16	61	rain
B'pool Airpt	1.9	11	13	55	rain
Morecambe	1.8	24	12	54	rain
Douglas	0.8	10	13	55	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	3.0	04	15	59	shower
Bristol (Ctrl)	1.1	-	13	55	cloudy
Carlisle	1.4	10	12	54	shower
London	2.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Manchester	1 0	20	13	55	rain
N'ctl-n-Tyne	0.9	04	13	55	shower
Nottingham	1.7	01	15	59	cloudy
Anglesey	1.3	04	13	55	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	1.1	09	12	54	rain
Colwyn Bay	1.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Tenby	0.2	13	12	54	dull
Aberdeen	-	22	10	50	shower
Edinburgh	4.6	.02	15	59	rain
Eskdalemuir	1.1	.26	11	52	shower
Glasgow	2.7	.09	13	55	shower
Kinloss	1.2	16	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	5.8	.01	7	45	bright
Prestwick	2.8	.18	13	55	bright
Stornoway	2.8	.32	10	50	cloudy
Tiree	4.4	.30	12	54	shower
Wick	0 8	.30	9	48	rain
Belfast	1 5	.02	13	55	rain

These are Tuesday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.12	6.8	2 40	7.0
Aberdeen	1.48	4.0	1.55	4.2
Avonmouth	7.45	13.0	8 10	13.0
Belfast	11.30	3.4	11.48	3.3
Cardiff	7.30	12.0	7.55	12.0
Devonport	6.15	5 4	6.45	5.4
Dover	11.30	6.4	11.48	6.5
Falmouth	5.47	5.2	6.15	5.2
Glasgow	1.15	4.3	1.18	4.7
Harwich	12.11	3.9	12.39	4.0
Holyhead	10.49	5.5	11.10	5.5
Hull	6.53	7.2	7.07	7.3
Ilfracombe	6.30	8.9	6.53	9.1
Leith	2.57	5.4	3.16	5.5
Liverpool	11.48	9.3	—	—
Lowestoft	10.14	2.3	10.18	2.5
Margate	12.06	4.6	12.42	4.7
Milford Haven	6.43	7 0	7 05	7.0
Newquay	5.34	7.0	5.56	7.0
Oban	6.10	4.0	6.42	4.0
Penzance	5.15	5.5	5.41	5.5
Portland	7.29	2.1	8.09	2.1
Portsmouth	11.59	4.6	—	—
Shoreham	11.44	6.0	—	—
Southampton	11.31	4.3	11.49	4.5
Swansea	6.49	9.4	7.12	9.6
Tees	4.10	5.3	4.24	5.4
W'ton-on-Nze	12.04	4.1	12.32	4.2

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.42	2.30
Austria Sch	21.75	20.65
Belgium Fr	64.55	61.35
Canada $	2.305	2.195
Denmark Kr	11.63	11.03
Finland Mkk	7.57	7.17
France Fr	10.30	9.80
Germany Dm	3.10	2.94
Greece Dr	225	215
Hong Kong $	13.45	12.75
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lira	2230	2120
Japan Yen	242	228
Netherlands Gld	3.48	3.30
Norway Kr	11.51	10.91
Portugal Esc	238	227
South Africa Rd	4.65	3.85
Spain Pta	214.50	204.50
Sweden Kr	10.83	10.28
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA $	1.738	1.658
Yugoslavia Dnr	1090	990

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London: The *FT* Index closed down 16.5 at 1670.4.

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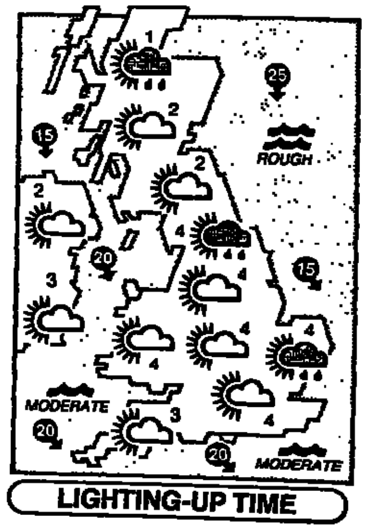

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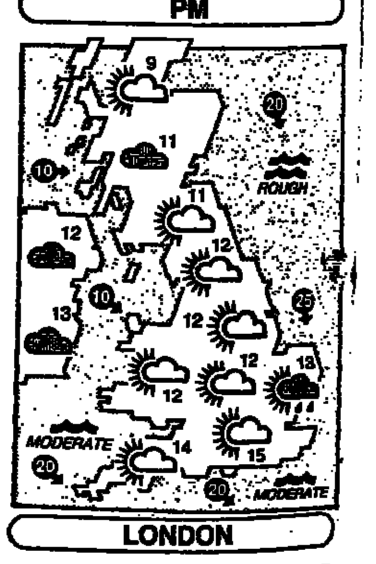


LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.12 pm to 4.41 am
Bristol 9.22 pm to 4.51 am
Edinburgh 9.44 pm to 4.33 am
Manchester 9.29 pm to 4.41 am
Penzance 9.28 pm to 5.08 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	f	7	45	Guernsey	s	12	54
B'rmgham	c	10	50	Inverness	c	8	46
Blackpool	r	9	48	Jersey	s	13	55
Bristol	f	13	55	London	r	11	52
Cardiff	f	12	54	M'nchster	r	7	45
Edinburgh	r	8	46	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	r	9	48	R'nldsway	s	10	50

Sun rises: 5.13 am
Sun sets: 8.42 pm
Moon sets 4.44 am
Moon rises 9.21 pm
Full Moon 1.50 pm

LONDON

Monday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Humidity: 6 pm, 71 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1hr Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1007.1 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

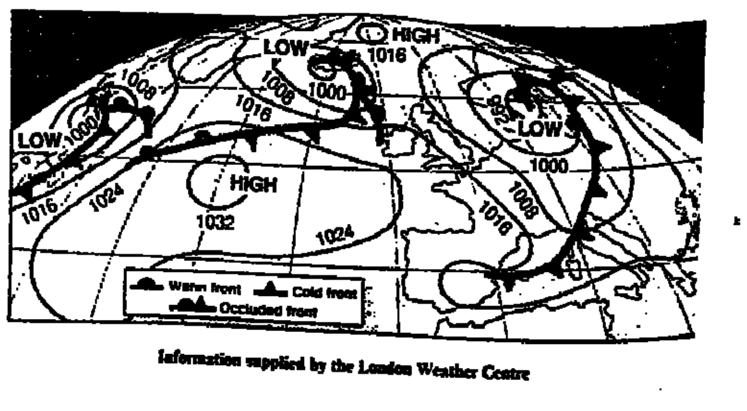
MANCHESTER

Monday: Highest day temp: Leuchars, Fife, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath 0.59in; highest sunshine: Jersey 7.1hr.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.197in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1hr.

NOON TODAY



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PART 2

THE TIMES

WEDNESDAY MAY 13 1987

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Executive Editor
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1670.4 (-16.5)

FT-SE 100
2143.3 (-20.0)

Bargains
52941 (62147)

USM (Datastream)
172.65 (+0.21)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6685 (+0.0100)

W German mark
2.9816 (+0.0004)

Trade-weighted
73.2 (-0.1)

Rolls-Royce shares rise again

Steady demand from investors looking to top up their stakes in Rolls-Royce helped to add another 1p to the aero-engine maker's share price on the unofficial "grey" market, despite the overall fall in share values.

Cleveland Securities, the licensed dealer making a market in Rolls-Royce shares before official trading starts next Wednesday, was offering to buy the 85p partly-paid shares at 134p and sell them at 138p.

Kunick ahead

Kunick Leisure, which is planning a USM flotation this year, reported pretax profits up 88 per cent to just more than £1 million for the first half. It is buying a nursing home chain and an amusement machine importers.

Stylo steps up

Stylo, the shoe shop chain, climbed back from losses of £259,000 to report a pretax profit of £1.53 million in the year to January. Turnover rose to £53.34 million from £49.58 million the previous year. Earnings per share are up to 5.67p after a 2.05p loss and the dividend is increased to 5p from 4.5p the previous year.

No referral

The £150 million management buyout bid for International Leisure Group is not being referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The bid is now unconditional.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2311.63 (+4.33)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Dow	24535.85 (-72.37)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2853.42 (+6.49)
Amsterdam: Gen	284.7 (-2.2)
Sydney: AO	1843.7 (+22.8)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1792.8 (-13.8)
Brussels:	
General	4601.5 (-5.1)
Paris: CAC	454.6 (-3.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen	537.50 (-1.50)
London: FT. A	n/a
FT. Gilts	92.92 (-0.23)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Kelsey Inds.	490p (+40p)
Westbury	237p (+18p)
MK Electric	457p (+22p)
Hunting Assoc.	569p (+82p)
Atlantic Comps.	672p (+21p)
Audio Fidelity	173p (+12p)
Fairline Boats	333p (+21p)
Southend Stadium	638p (+20p)
Ault & Wiborg	330p (+25p)
Filofax	176p (+12p)
Jacques Vert	350p (+13p)
Countryside Props	691p (+11p)
Christy Hunt	66p (+12p)
FALLS:	
British Telecom	305p (-8p)
English China	434p (-6p)
Redland	478p (-7p)
Stone Intnl.	105p (-11p)
Whessoe	110p (-6p)
Tesco	522p (-23p)
Ultramar	230p (-11p)

Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month Interbank 8⅞-8¹³⁄₁₆%
3-month eligible bills: 8⅝-8½%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 6¾%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.60-5.59%*
30-year bonds 99¹³⁄₁₆-99⅞*

CURRENCIES

London:	**New York:**
£: $1.6685	£: $1.6685*
£: DM2.9816	$: DM1.7885*
£: SwFr2.4477	$: SwFr1.4685*
£: FFr9.9576	$: FFr5.9777*
£: Yen232.76	$: Yen139.75*
£: Index:73.2	$: Index:100.1
ECU £0.696674	SDR £0.781052

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $460.25 pm-$460.70
close $461.25-461.75 (£276.75-277.25)
New York:
Comex $459.80-460.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $18.65bbl ($18.77)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Toll decision at Eurotunnel

Railways' minimum payments agreed

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Eurotunnel yesterday announced that agreement had been reached with the British and French railways over the tolls to be paid for use of the Channel tunnel, ending months of tense talks which almost threatened the future of the £4.7 billion project.

The deal assures Eurotunnel a minimum monthly payment from the railways for 12 years but does not include any advance lump sum for use of the tunnel.

Mr Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel's British co-chairman, said: "We now have their money where their mouth is. The deal creates a certainty of cashflow which is very reassuring to the bankers."

Sir Robert Reid, chairman of British Rail, said: "Both sides have made concessions to demonstrate their fundamental belief that the tunnel is not only the most exciting international venture of our lifetime, but also potentially one of the most profitable."

Eurotunnel's bankers can now proceed with the underwriting of a £5 billion loan package which should be finalized in July.

Difficulties over the rail agreement arose because Mr Morton considered the outline terms negotiated last September with British Rail and SNCF, the French state railway, too generous.

Both sides admitted making compromises in reaching the complex formula for the payments, but Mr Morton claimed the revised terms were worth extra "millions or tens of millions of pounds" to Eurotunnel.

The deal gives the railways an entitlement to use 50 per cent of the tunnel capacity. They will pay a "minimum usage charge" monthly in advance. This will be between 60 and 66 per cent of the total toll charge it is forecast they will incur for running passenger and freight services through the tunnel.

This proportion will be paid even if the traffic in any one month fails to reach the forecast level. It will not be refundable, although there is some limited scope for readjustment at the end of each year if the railways have overpaid.

Under the original terms, this assured proportion would have been under 40 per cent of expected tolls and Eurotunnel had argued for an increase to nearer 80 per cent.

Mr Morton denied that the monthly payments amounted to a government subsidy for the project. "The only circumstances in which payment in advance becomes a guarantee is if the toll levels are less than 60 per cent of the forecasts. If the railways do not believe that the traffic will reach two-thirds of the forecast, then we should not be building the tunnel."

Meanwhile, a special motion is to be moved in the Commons today, enabling the Channel Tunnel Bill to be carried forward when the new Parliament convenes after next month's general election. As a hybrid bill it does not lapse.

John Rogers

Looking ahead confidently: Geoffrey Maitland Smith (left) and Michael Pickard of Sears

Profits in store for Sears

By Colin Campbell

Sears, parent company of Selfridges, Mappin & Webb, William Hill, and Dolcis with trading outlets in Britain, Europe and America, ended the financial year to January with record profits and turnover, and has started the current financial year in good shape, Mr Geoffrey Maitland Smith, chairman and chief executive, announced yesterday.

On group turnover of £2.48 billion against £2.28 billion, pretax profits rose from £186.8 million to £218.7 million. The year's dividend is rising from 3.4p to 4p a share.

The financial year ended with net tangible assets past the £1 billion mark for the first time and with the group established on four trading platforms – retailing, licensed betting, house-building and property investment.

All parts performed well, and after management changes, including the appointment of Mr Michael Pickard as deputy chief executive, the board is confident of further profits growth.

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BP will control former US arm

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

BP, Britain's largest and most financially successful company, has won its bid to gain full control of its former US subsidiary, Standard Oil, following a comparatively bloodless bid which has left the market in the US with a considerable appetite for shares in company.

Investors in Standard Oil, the Ohio-based company in which BP built up a 55 per cent stake during the late 1960s and 1970s when it found oil in Alaska, have accepted the BP $7.4 billion (£4.44 billion) bid for the outstanding shares in the company. Acceptances are still being counted, but BP now owns at least 85 per cent of Standard Oil, enough to enable it to acquire the remaining shares without resource to a costly battle in the stock exchanges and in the courts.

The successful bid for Standard Oil – it now gives BP access to the substantial cashflow of the company in addition to the dividends it already receives – will provide a future Conservative Goverment with a ready made springboard for a new privatization progamme.

The Government holds a third of BP's shares and has said that it will sell them off as soon as possible. The conclusion of the Standard Oil bid has sent the share price up, and with rising world oil prices, the Government could reap more than £5 billion from its disposal of shares in BP, overshadowing its earnings from some privatizations with less financial and political cost.

In addition BP is set to announce first quarter profits for 1987 which are expected to show that the company, with its spread of operations in the upstream and downstream sectors of the oil business, again cancelling out losses caused by falling crude prices with increased profits from oil product sales.

Smith is new BAe chairman

By Colin Campbell

Professor Roland Smith, aged 58, who holds a number of non-executive City posts and is a former chairman of the House of Fraser, is to become chairman of British Aerospace on the retirement of Sir Austin Pearce at the end of August.

Professor Smith was only brought into British Aerospace as a non-executive director in February this year, but was clearly earmarked to assume the role of chairman. A group spokesman said yesterday that Professor Smith was chosen because of the depth of his business experience.

Sir Austin took office in April 1980 with the brief to steer British Aerospace to privatization. He turned 65 last September.

Professor Smith is chairman of Hepworth Ceramic Holdings and Equitable Life Assurance, and part-time professor of marketing at the University of Manchester. Last May, when he announced his decision to leave the post of chairman of House of Fraser, he said he wanted the opportunity "to do something different."

Sir Austin told yesterday's annual meeting that British Aerospace had not yet reached agreement with the Government about launch aid for the A330/A340 programme, but was optimistic that an acceptable arrangement could be reached, certainly "before politicians become too involved in the general election."

Professor Roland Smith

Factory costs hint at higher inflation

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's producer prices rose last month at a rate which points to higher inflation in the coming months.

Manufacturers' raw material and fuel costs showed their first 12-month increase since June 1985. They edged up by 0.2 per cent, in spite of the pound's strong performance against the dollar, which would normally be expected to push down the cost of imported commodities.

Fuel and raw material costs were up by 1.4 per cent compared with a year earlier. In March, these costs were 0.9 per cent lower than in March 1986.

The figures suggest that the long period of subdued cost increases, arising principally from falling world oil prices, is at an end.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, industry's raw material and fuel costs increased by 0.8 per cent last month, after a rise of 0.3 per cent in March.

The prices charged by industry at the factory gate rose by 0.5 per cent last month. This was lower than in April last year, mainly because of the Chancellor's decision not to raise excise duties in the Budget. As a result, the 12-month rate of increase of output prices dropped to 3.5 per cent, the lowest since August 1969, compared with 3.7 per cent in March.

But the figures contained worrying signs of an upturn in the prices charged by non-food manufacturers. Last month these rose by 0.5 per cent, to stand 4.3 per cent up on a year earlier. In contrast food, drink and tobacco manufacturers, helped by the decision not to raise excise duties, were only 2.1 per cent up on a year earlier.

Mr Ian Harwood, economist at Warburg Securities said: "Input prices are in positive territory again, and factory gate inflation, apart from food manufacturers, has been gradually creeping up."

Mr Bill Martin, of Phillips & Drew, said: "There is upward pressure on margins and there may be an emerging problem of capacity shortages in the manufacturing sector. It may be a sign of an economy that is growing too quickly for its own good."

OECD to proceed on agricultural reform

By Our Economics Correspondent

Ministers of the leading industrialized countries, meeting at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris yesterday, agreed to push ahead with agricultural reform to cut farm surpluses.

They also authorized the publication of an important OECD study which measures the agriculture policies of different regions by the relative size of producer subsidies.

There was broad agreement on the need for action by the three major economies to prevent a world economic slowdown. This action focused specifically on reducing the US budget deficit, opening up the Japanese market and securing faster growth in West Germany.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, representing Britain at the 24-nation discussions, said that agricultural reform was at the top of the economic agenda. It was up to all countries to push for a reduction in restrictions on trade in agriculture at the forthcoming Uruguay round of trade talks under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Among the EEC countries, strongest resistance to accepting the need for agricultural reform had been expected from France. However, West Germany appears to have held out the longest.

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Pound and shares steady

By David Smith
and Michael Tate

The pound and share prices steadied yesterday, with further profit-taking after the Prime Minister's announcement of the election date.

Sterling opened the day weak, pulling down gilts sharply. But by the end of the day the pound had recorded a gain of a cent at 1.6685 against the dollar, and gilts were up by about half a point.

Share prices also went into reverse on the stock market as buyers lost interest and dealers attempted to shake out some of the stock that buyers had accumulated in the previous two days.

But once again there was a change of direction in mid-afternoon, and by the close of trading losses had been substantially trimmed.

The FT 30 share index, after dipping to 1,664.0, recovered to 1,670.4, for a net fall of 16.5. The broader-based FT-SE share index recovered from a 30.9 setback at one stage to end 20.0 lower at 2,143.3.

Selling was not heavy, although some investors took advantage of the recent upsurge to take profits. However, the setback was due largely to a sheer lack of support. It was thought that with the election announcement out of the way, business is likely to dry up unless the opinion polls show any dramatic new trend.

The pound ended virtually unchanged on the day at DM2.9820 against a generally stronger mark. The dollar fell by a pfennig to 1.7870 against the mark.

This was in spite of indications of an easing of monetary policy by the Bundesbank. It announced a reduction from 3.8 to 3.5 per cent in the minimum bid rate for the 28-day securities repurchase agreement.

Gilt-edged stocks rallied from early half-point falls to close little changed from overnight levels before today's £1 billion Treasury 8 per cent 1992 auction.

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Hunting soars by 56%

By Alexandra Jackson

Pretax profits from Hunting Associated Industries, the defence, aviation and resource survey group, soared 56 per cent to £11.8 million in the year to the end of December, beating City forecasts.

This was despite losses of more than £2 million on businesses which have since been discontinued. Extraordinary costs of £6.2 million covered reorganization and closure expenses.

Turnover increased from £232.7 million to £332 million. Fully diluted earning per share advanced by 43 per cent to 39.8p. A final dividend of 5p was declared making a total of 9p for the year. There is to be a one for four bonus issue.

City analysts are forecasting profits this year of more than £15 million, rising to £18.8 million for 1988. On this basis the shares are on a price earnings ratio of 11.9 times, putting them on a 25 per cent discount to the market, despite the strong share price rise. Yesterday alone they rose 83p to 570p.

Hillards fight in balance

By John Bell, City Editor

Tesco's £200 million takeover battle for control of the Yorkshire supermarket group Hillards is heading for a close finish on Friday when it closes at 1pm.

Hillards said yesterday that it had written commitments to reject the offer in respect of 30.6 per cent of its share capital. Most of this relates to directors and their families but about 3 per cent has been pledged by institutional investors.

Meanwhile Tesco's adviser County Bank has been picking up shares in the market. It has added just over a million shares bringing the total held by the Tesco camp to 20.6 per cent of Hillards equity.

It is not clear to what extent Hillards may be able to count on the support of the 11 per cent owned by clients of its adviser Cazenove.

Tesco needs a high proportion of the free equity for its offer to go unconditional on Friday. Its finance director, Mr David Reid, said yesterday: "Every shareholder, private or institutional should accept in good time if they wish to benefit from our excellent offer."

Before the market fall yesterday, the offer was worth 30 times prospective Hillards earnings per share in the current year, Mr Reid said.

Mr Peter Hartley, chairman of Hillards, has written again to his shareholders urging them to reject the bid.

Tesco's increased and final offer is worth 342.6p in cash. With Tesco shares down 14p at 531p yesterday, the share swap offer is worth 391p. Hillards shares were unchanged at 345p.

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Sun Alliance opposes Liberty Life board bid

A silver lining for Sun Life

By Cliff Feltham

The siege of the Sun-Life insurance group took a new turn yesterday when its big rival and second largest shareholder Sun Alliance said it would be backing the company in its bid to prevent the South African-Liberty Life group winning three seats on the board at a crucial meeting today.

Mr Geoffrey Bowler, the chief general manager of Sun Alliance, said he would be pledging his 5.2 per cent stake in favour of Sun Life. The decision struck a blow to the hopes of TransAtlantic Insurance Holdings – the Liberty-connected company controlling 25.7 per cent of Sun Life – which has asked shareholders to approve the appointment of three of its team to the board.

Mr Michael Middlemas, the managing director of TransAtlantic, said: "I suppose in view of the long associations between the two companies, it is not that surprising that Sun Alliance has decided not to vote in favour of our nominations. It could signal the way other institutions will go although we have received a very encouraging response from the large ones."

Mr Bowler said: "Directors should never be appointed who may be, or may even be thought to be, capable of putting the interests of shareholders above those of the policyholders – that cannot be a proper interpretation of their duties.

"Of course, any fit and proper person should be free to form and operate a life assurance company in Britain and invite the public to buy his policies. But it cannot be right for anyone to seek to gain control of large blocks of British people's savings when the policyholders cannot in practice withdraw and take their money out."

Mr Bowler stresses that the directors of life companies are also, in effect, trustees for policyholders who have entrusted their savings.

"If a bank, for instance, is taken over, depositors who so wish can readily withdraw their cash – life policyholders usually cannot. This makes life companies improper targets for disputed takeover bids."

The support from his trading competitor will be keenly welcomed by Mr Peter Grant, the chairman of Sun Life, who has been bitterly opposed to what he claims is an attempt by Liberty Life to gain control of his company.

Earlier this year Liberty Life blocked moves by Sun Life to set up a new holding company which would have enabled it to break out of legal restrictions on insurance businesses. But the moves would have diluted Liberty's own holding. TransAtlantic claims that its latest tactics are designed to strengthen the board of Sun Life.

Last night Mr Middlemas declined to say what action he might take if the appointments of himself and colleagues Mr Dennis Marler and Mr Michael Rapp are thrown out. "We are long term shareholders and do not intend to sell our stake. We hope to try to seek some accommodation with Sun Life."

BUSINESS SUMMARY

GT Management lifts profits to £13 million

GT Management, the fund management group, has reported bumper profits – up 84 per cent to £13 million – despite substantial redemptions of its mutual funds invested in Japan, GT Berry Japan and GT Japan and General.

Profits included a gain on disposal of investments of £1.2 million, which was more than offset by the £1.4 million costs of developing the US and Japanese mutual fund business. The dividend was increased from 2p to 5p for the year. Total funds under management rose from £3.4 billion last year *to £4* billion at March 31 and Mr Mark St Giles, the joint managing director, said most of this was due to the rise in the market.

Ward White sells shops

Ward White, the Halfords and Payless DIY group, completed its withdrawal from shoe retailing with the sale yesterday of its remaining 133 Focus shops for £4.65 million. They are being bought by C&J Clark. It had earlier sold 161 Focus shops to the footwear retailer Allebone & Sons. Ward White has now raised £24 million by selling Focus.

More losses at Squirrel

Squirrel Horn, the boiled sweet manufacturer and fish farmer made a loss last year of £339,000 on sales of following the previous year's £140,000 deficit. Sales were roughly the same at £6.7 million. The company, which is passing a dividend, is paying £450,000 for the food processor A Stadler which made £96,000 profit last year.

Runciman rewarded

The restructuring and rationalization carried out over the past few years at Walter Runciman, the diversified British shipping group, is finally bearing fruit. Pretax profits rose further last year to £2.32 million from £1.41 million in 1985 and the final dividend is up 0.5p to 3p, making 5.5p for the year. A sound performance by the group's shipping and insurance divisions has underpinned Runciman's steady recovery, although the security side is also slowly improving after problems.

New Bank of Ireland arm

The Bank of Ireland has set up a holding company in Britain to handle all its activities here. The new company, *Bank of Ireland* Britain Holdings, will coordinate the group's plans to expand its presence in the United Kingdom. Mr Brian Williamson (right), the chairman of Liffe, becomes a board director of the new holding company.

STOCK MARKET

Prices fall back as election excitement wears thin

By Michael Clark

It was looking like the morning after the night before in the stock market yesterday as the celebrations about the forthcoming general election gave way to a bout of profit-taking.

Prices retreated on all fronts as market-makers went on the defensive and "adjusted their prices lower" after the appearance of a few profit-takers.

This came as no surprise to most brokers who had anticipated such a move after the market's strong run during the past couple of days.

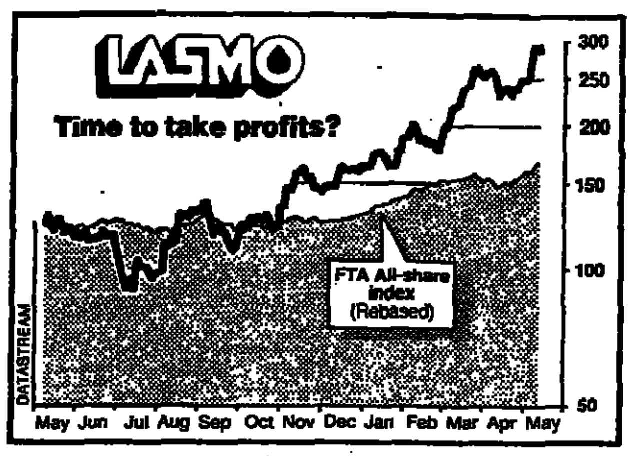
Attempts at a rally later in the session quickly ran out of steam with Wall Street opening nervously. But selling pressure was light and the undertone remained firm with most dealers hopeful of a steady performance ahead of election day.

One leading broker commented: "Clients are dubious of taking profits at the moment in case they can't get back on later."

The FT 30 share index eventually closed 16.5 points down at 1,670.4, having been 22.9 lower earlier in the day. The broader FT-SE 100 share index also reduced an earlier, 30-point fall to close 20.0 lower at 2,143.3.

The tone was certainly much firmer after hours, helped by renewed selective support, leading dealers to hope for a rally when trading resumes later this morning.

Government securities managed to reduce earlier falls, ranging to £¾ at the longer end of the market, to around £¼ at the close. Hopes of another half-point cut in base rates to 8.5 per cent remain alive, but most market men now believe this is unlikely until after the election.



Today's auction of £1 billion of tap stock was another reason for the gilt market's low-key performance.

Among the leaders, **Glaxo** recovered an early fall, to finish all square at £15.08. Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the broker, was said to be a big buyer of the shares.

ICI also closed above its worst levels of the day on whispers that BZW has met the company and is about to publish a bullish circular. The price finished 12p lower at £14.09, after £14.06.

Profit-taking also took its toll of the privatization issues which have been a firm market in the past few days on election hopes. **British Telecom** lost 5p at 307p, while **British Gas** partly-paid slipped 4p from a peak of 113p as 35 million shares were traded and **British Airways** fell 4p to 169p on turnover of 11 million shares.

Kleinwort Grieveson, the broker, remains a big fan of the independent television companies which appear to have been left behind recently.

Thames, reporting later today, stood out with an 8p rise to 518p. Kleinwort is looking for pretax profits of at least £25 million compared with £14.6 million last time. **Yorkshire TV**, which reports next week, was unchanged at 353p.

Advertising revenue among the television companies remains buoyant and Kleinwort remains keen on the likes of **LWT Holdings**, up 24p at 868p, and **Anglia TV**, 4p better at 464p.

Meyer International, the timber group, surged by 20p to 374p, after 380p, in late trading. The shares are enjoying something of a re-rating at the moment and have been chased higher by brokers like Savory Milln which rates the shares a "strong buy."

Polly Peck continued to advance, ahead of figures next week, rising 16p to 284p. On Friday, they were trading at 238p.

Garfunkels, the restaurant chain, leapt 35p to 234p after the group announced it was in bid talks.

Early speculation centred on **Vaux Group**, the brewer, which has just raised money by a rights issue. Vaux slipped 2p to 531p.

The speculation in Garfunkels also enabled **Kennedy Brookes** to wipe out an earlier fall, to finish 2p dearer at 338p.

But **Riley Leisure** moved quickly to squash bid speculation. Mr Alan Deal, the chairman, said he had not received any approaches and was not engaged in any talks.

Analysts have started to take a bearish view of the oil sector which, they claim, is already discounting a sharply higher oil price. Speculation in the past few weeks has pointed to the Opec ministers agreeing to fix the price of crude at $20 a barrel when they meet in Geneva next month, thanks to increased worldwide consumption.

But the recent surge in demand for oil shares suggests that investors have been setting their sights even higher. As a result, several leading brokers have become sellers of the oil market. Wood Mackenzie led the way lower on Friday, recommending its clients to sell most of the independent oil producers. But the effects of this move were only starting to show yesterday.

Among the casualties was **Lasmo**, down by 8p to 285p. Lasmo has been a strong market of late, rising by about 25 per cent in the past couple of weeks alone. One leading broker said: "The shares have come too far, too fast. Now looks to be as good a time as any to take profits."

Elsewhere in oils, losses were seen in **BP**, down by 9p at 337p on a turnover of 7.5 million shares, **Shell**, 16p to £12.86 on a turnover of 3.4 million shares, **Burmah**, 10p at 488p, **Enterprise**, 6p at 271p and **Ultramar**, 11p at 230p.

There was selective support for the insurance sector, although prices closed below their best levels of the day. Among the life insurances, **Pearl** rose by 11p to a new peak of 387p. The shares have made the most from recent talk – since denied – that Pearl was considering a merger with rival **Sun Life**, down 4p at £12.05. Dealers appear reluctant to rule out the possibility of a full bid eventually for Pearl.

Support was also seen for **Britannic**, up 10p to 983p and **Prudential**, 15p to 923p.

Among the composites, **Commercial Union** firmed 5p to 333p, **General Accident**, 12p to 925p, but losses were seen in **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 2p to 908p, **Royal Insurance**; 1p to 899p and **Sun Alliance**, 12p to 873p.

British Aerospace fell by 6p to 655p following the annual meeting where Sir Austin Pearce, the retiring chairman, told shareholders that the order book was "very much higher."

● The election fever which has gripped the stock market over the past month also seems to have generated a renewed spate of patriotism. Five of the top six best-performing leading shares over the past month include "British" in the name of the company. They are British Telecom, British Airways, British Petroleum, Britoil and British Plasterboard (BPB Industries). Lloyds Bank spoiled the sequence, finishing in fourth place.

TEMPUS

Four reasons to buy Sears

Sears, with a clutch of famous names behind it, is the giant about to stir.

Pretax profits for the year ended January were 17 per cent up at £218.7 million and should run past £256 million this time. There was net cash in the bank of £135 million, with another £87 million from recent asset sales to come in. The motor interests have been tipped out and there is now a four-platform group structure on which to build. The prospective price earnings ratio is at a discount to the market.

The investment message is buy.

Pretax profits would have been higher still but for the £2.5 million increase to £11.1 million in interest charged, but since that was largely associated with putting additional funds behind Fosters, the benefits of which are now being felt, this year's interest bill should be much lower.

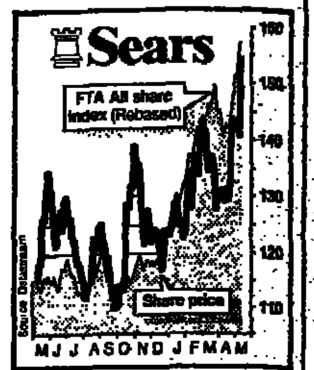
The group's footwear interests are now in step and sporting higher trading margins, which could improve again once the number of outlets has been trimmed from 2,500 to 2,200. But it looks as if the stores and speciality retailing could be this year's star performer.

Last year, despite reduced tourist spending, trading profits from the stores division rose from £61.8 million to £73 million. This year the tourists are returning to Britain, and since Selfridges ranks after Big Ben on most visitors' "must see" list, the store, helped by its new air conditioning, could easily be a good profit earner.

Licensed betting through the William Hill chain benefited from the positive measures in last year's Budget, and continues to forge ahead.

This is the year that the stockbroker Quilter Goodison moves its share shops into Selfridges and possibly other Sears outlets, and with 350,000 charge-card holders, Sears should not be far behind when home base shopping takes off.

The group's fourth leg, housebuilding and property investment, which completed 950 houses last year, should be looking at more than 1,000 units this year.



Overall, profits this year of £256 million give the shares at 154.5p a prospective price earnings ratio of 14. On a year's view, present price levels should prove cheap.

Tesco

Hillards's days as an independent company appeared to be numbered from the moment Tesco launched its 305p a share bid for the Yorkshire-based supermarket chain. The offer looked almost too good to be true to most shareholders in the light of the 150p to 200p trading range for Hillards shares before the bid. Many weeks and an increased offer from Tesco later, the outcome of the bid, which closes at 1pm on Friday is still by no means easy to predict.

Hillards says that it has just more than 30 per cent of its equity in safe hands. Clients of Cazenove, its adviser, account for another 11 per cent and while not all can be expected to fall in with the Cazenove corporate finance department line, some will.

There is no reason to suppose the dormant shareholders in Hillards is much different from most other companies, which could mean a further 6 or 7 per cent of the equity will not be assented to Tesco.

Tesco needs perhaps 80 per cent or more of the "free" equity. Yet it is difficult to find grounds for hesitation. Hillards has fought a splendid battle, but on yesterday's share prices, has to face an offer worth 28 times prospective current year earnings.

Allied's problem

City investors and analysts going on Allied-Lyons's Concorde tour of Hiram Walker's top spirits brands in June – to Scotland, France and North America – are expecting to be shown the benefits of Allied's purchase of 51 per cent of Hiram Walker. They may be disappointed.

A study by Wood Mackenzie, the stockborker, suggests that while Allied and Hiram are very strong in their respective markets, they are, if anything, too similar.

The specific weaknesses from which both companies suffer are in precisely those areas where the greatest benefits might be expected – international brand management and distribution.

Both have strong local brands (Allied has Harvey's Bristol Cream and Teacher's, while Hiram has Canadian Club whisky, Kahlua and Hiram Walker US Liqueurs). But these are heavily dependent on domestic markets, and would benefit from international marketing, through an owned distribution network.

However, Hiram Walker's international brands (Ballantines Scotch whisky, Courvoisier and Tia Maria) are only marketed by owned distributors within North America. Elsewhere they are marketed mainly by independent distributors, apparently limiting the scope for promoting Allied brands worldwide.

Longer term, the group may build up a comprehensive distribution network, through which it can push all its brands. In the short term, such synergy will be limited to transatlantic movements, as each company sells brands through the other's domestic outlets.

WALL STREET

Blue chips lift Dow in early trade

New York (Agencies) – Blue chips *rose in* early trading yesterday as investors sought a haven from worries about *inflation* in oils and heavy *industry* shares, but the broader market remained slightly depressed. With bonds reacting nervously to *rising* commodity prices, a cloud of uncertainty was hanging over investors.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up by 10 points to 2,317.30. Falling shares outnumbered rising ones by seven to five on a volume of 48 million shares.

IBM gained 1⅝ to 164⅝ and ITT, which has said that it expects its strong first-quarter performance to continue throughout the rest of the year, was up by 1¼ to 54¼.

On Monday, the Dow average closed 15 points lower at 2,307.30.

● Zygo Corporation has given a warning of a loss for the year to June 30 next because it does not expect order volume to improve significantly in the fourth quarter. The company normally achieves its highest earnings and sales in the final quarter. It reported a nine-month loss of $1.26 million on sales of $14.7 million compared with a loss of $558,000 on sales of $15.5 million a year before.

Zygo, a maker of electro-optical measuring systems, earned $256,000 on sales of $23.3 million in the year ended June 30, 1986.

	May 11	May 8
AMR Cp	54%	55%
ASA	64	63%
Aetna Life	58%	57%
Allied Signal	43%	42%
Allis Chalm	3%	3
Alcoa	50%	51%
Amax Inc	23%	23%
AMR Hess	36%	35½
Am Brands	44%	44%
Am Cynmd	90	90%
Am Ele Pwr	27%	27
Amex	n.a	66%
Am Home	84%	84%
Am Motors	4½	4%
Am Stand	42%	42%
Am Telph	24%	24%
Amoco Cp	86%	87%
Armco Steel	12%	11%
Asarco Inc	27%	26%
Ashland Oil	62%	61%
Atl Richfld	92%	92%
Avon Prod	32	31%
Bk Boston	32%	32%
Bank NY	41%	41
Bankamer	11%	11%
Bkrs Tst NY	47	48
Beth Steel	15	15%
Boeing	45½	46%
Boise Casc	69%	70%
Borden	55%	56½
Borg Warnr	46%	47%
Brist Myer	96%	96%
BP	68	69%
Brunswick	45%	45%
Burl Ind	64%	64%
Burl Nth	75	76
CBS	168	168%
CPC Int	43	44%
CSX Cp	33%	33%
Cmpbell Sp	65%	66%
Can Pacific	18½	18%
Caterpillar	56%	56%
Centrl SW	31%	31½
Champion	35%	37%
Chase Man	37%	37%
Chem NY	44%	44½
Chevron	59	59%
Chrysler	40%	40%
Citicorp	54%	54%
Clark Eq	26½	26%
Coca Cola	41%	41%
Colgate	43%	42½
Columb Gas	49%	49%
Cmb'tn Eng	35%	34%
Cmwlth Edi	34%	35%
Cons Edis	42%	42%
Cn Nat Gas	41%	40%
Cons Pwr	19%	19%
Cont Data	33%	33%
Corning Gl	62%	62%
Crane	40%	40
Curtiss Wri	60%	60%
Data Genl	31%	30%
Deere Co	31%	32
Delta Air	49%	49%
Detroit Edi	17	16%
Digital Eq	167	167½
Disney	64%	65%
Dow Chem	85%	86½
Dresser Ind	30%	30½
Dupont	118	117%
Duke Pwr	44%	45
East Kodak	79	81%
Eaton Cp	92	90%
Emerson El	104½	104
Emery Air	13%	14%
Exxon	88½	86%
Farah Inc	14%	15
Fed Dpt Str	90%	91%
Firestone	37%	37%
Fst Chicago	29%	29%
Fst Int Bncp	55%	55%
Fst Penn C	10%	10%
FT Wachva	41%	41%
Ford Motor	97%	99%
GAF Cp	48%	49%
GTE Cp	38%	37%
Gen Cp	103%	104
Gn Dynam	64%	64%
Gen Elect	102%	103%
Gen Inst	34%	35%
Gen Mills	46	47
Gen Motors	89%	89%
Gen Pub Ut	24	24%
Genesco	5%	4%
Georgia Pac	41%	43½
Gillette	57%	58%
Goodrich	50½	50%
Goodyear	65%	65
Gould Inc	17%	17%
Grace Co	66%	65%
Grt Atl Pac	34%	34%
Greyhnd	38	38%
Gruman	25%	25%
Gulf & West	75	74%
Heinz	43%	44%
Hercules	61%	61%
Hewlett Pk	59%	61%
Honeywell	78%	78%
IC Ind	33%	33%
ITT Cp	53	55%
INCO	19%	19%
Ingersoll	85%	84½
Inland Steel	33%	33½
IBM	163	163%
Int Paper	91%	91%
Irving Bk	45	44%
Jhsn & Jhsn	85%	87%
K Mart Cp	60%	60%
Kaisertech	18%	18%
Kerr McGee	36	36%
Kmbl Clark	108½	107%
Kraft	54½	54½
Kroger	32%	32%
LTV Cp	5	4½
Litton	91%	90%
Lockheed	45%	48%
Lucky Str	30	29%
Man H'nver	43%	44½
Manville	2%	2%
Mapco	62	61%
Marine Mid	50	50%
Mt Marieta	44%	45%
Masco	34	35
Mcdonalds	80%	81%
McDonnell	68%	68½
Mead Cp	69%	68%
Merck	151%	153%
Mnsta Mng	126	127%
Mobil	50%	49%
Monsanto	87%	87
Morgan Jp	43%	44½
Motorola	63%	62½
NCR	74%	75
NL Indstrs	7%	7%
Nat Distill	65	67½
Nat Md Ent	25	26
Nat Semi	14%	15
Norfolk Sth	31%	31%
NW Bancrp	38%	37%
Occid Pet	36%	35%
Ogden Cp	68%	68%
Olin Cp	50%	50%
PPG Ind	42%	42%
Pac Gas El	20%	20%
Pan Am	4%	4½
Penney JC	48%	49%
Pennzoil	86%	84
Pepsico	31%	32%
Pfizer	67	68%
Phelps Dod	37%	37%
Philip Mor	81	83%
Philip Ptrl	16%	17
Polaroid	75%	75
Primerica	38	39%
Proct Gble	92%	93%
Pub Svc Eg	37	38%
Raytheon	71	72%
Rynlds Met	73½	71%
Rockwell Int	29%	29%
Royal Dutch	126%	126%
SFE Sopac	45%	45%
Sara Lee	40%	39%
Schlumb	44%	44%
Scott Pap	69%	70
Seagram	74%	74
Sears Roeb	53%	54%
Shell Trans	85%	85%
Singer	43%	44
Smithkln Bk	109%	110%
Sony Cp	20%	20
Sth Cal Edi	29%	30%
SW Bell	108%	109%
Std Oil	73%	74
Sterl Drug	51%	51%
Stevens JP	44½	43%
Sun Comp	66%	66%
TRW Inc	100%	101%
Teledyne	321%	323
Tenneco	46%	48%
Texaco	38	35%
Tex Eastn	36%	36%
Tex Inst	186%	186%
Tex Util	32½	32%
Textron	61	62%
Travelers	44%	45
USG	37%	38
USX Cp	32%	32%
Unilever NV	294%	294
Un Carbide	30%	31%
Un Pac Cp	74%	76%
Unisys Cp	117%	120%
Utd Brands	38	39%
Utd Tech	47½	46%
Unocal	42%	43
Walter Jim	49%	49
Warn Lamb	68½	69½
Wells Far	50%	50%
Westg El	61%	61%
Weyerhsr	51½	53%
Whirlpool	37%	36%
Woolworth	47%	46%
Xerox Cp	80	79%
Zenith	26%	25%

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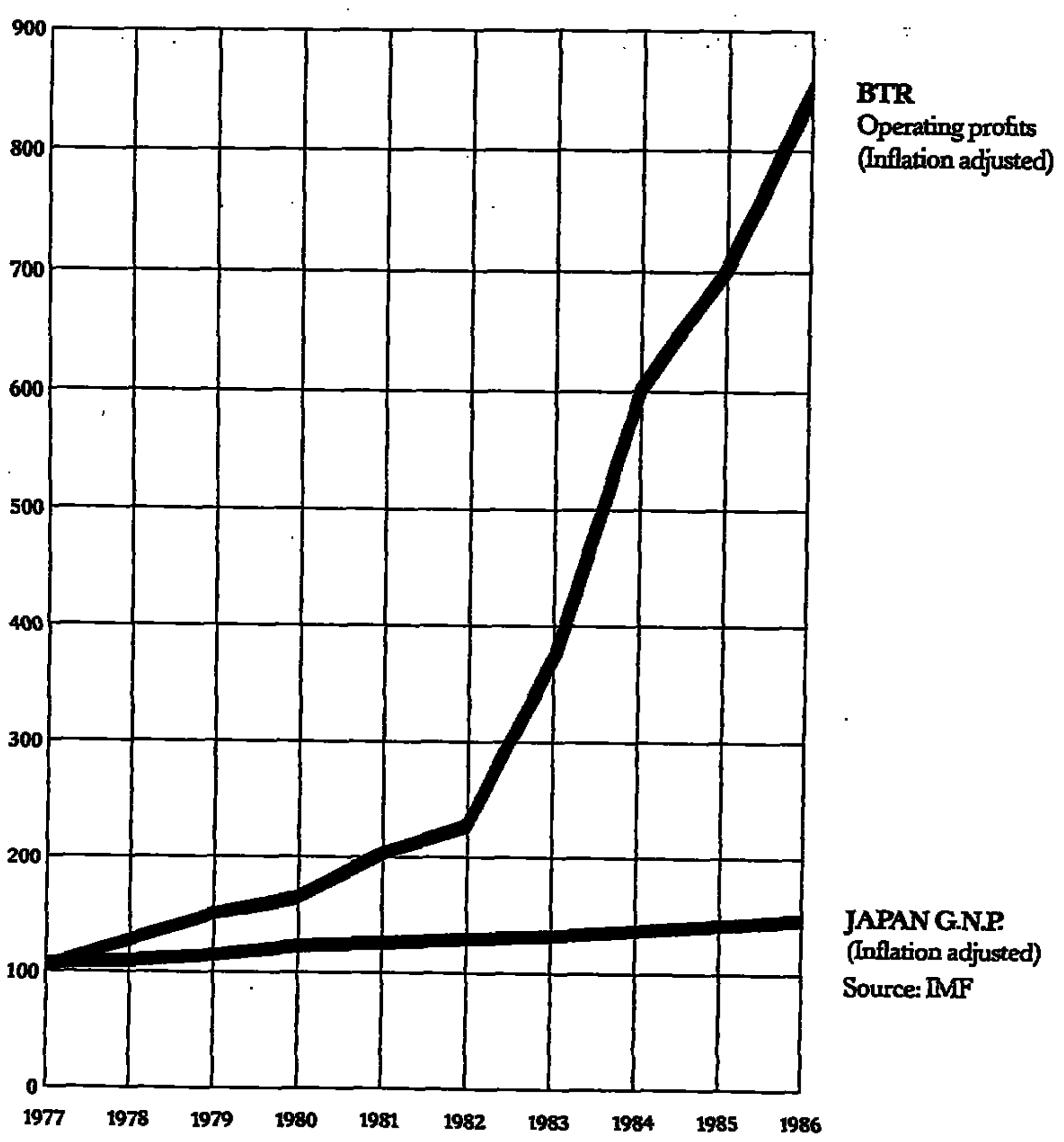
Agnico Eag	39%	40
Alcan Alum	40%	40%
Algoma Stl	16	16
Can Pacific	24%	25
Cominco	18%	18%
Con Bathrst	18%	18½
Hawk S Can	27	27
Hud Bay M	26%	25%
Imasco	34%	35
Imperial Oil	72%	70%
Int Pipe	48%	47%
Royl Trstco	34%	34%
Seagram	99%	98%
Shelco 'A'	25½	26%
Thmsn N 'A'	32	31%
Vanty Cp	3.30	3.35
WCT	17%	17
Weston	40%	39%



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Baker sees evidence of reversal in G7 trade imbalances

Paris (Reuter) — Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, yesterday said there was evidence that the external imbalances of the leading industrial nations were being reversed.

In a speech to the ministerial meeting of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, he said: "We are now seeing good evidence that we have begun to reverse the external imbalances."

His remarks were made two days before US trade figures for March are due. Mr Baker said trade volume figures showed West German and Japanese imports rapidly outpaced exports and that their current account surpluses were down in real terms.

While the US external deficits had fallen more slowly than hoped, the trade deficit had levelled off in value terms and there had been a turnround in trade volume, Mr Baker added.

Currencies, he said, "now better reflect economic fundamentals — and we expect these changes to contribute to our combined efforts to reduce external imbalances."

Mr Baker added that all Group of Seven countries believed a further dollar decline against other leading currencies could be counter productive.

"Japan and West Germany, in particular, have made substantial progress against fiscal deficits and now have ample scope for expansion," he said.

He added that nations with little or no inflation and lower rates of private investment "may want to ease monetary policy to spur domestic growth. I believe this can be done without rekindling inflation." Mr Baker also urged newly-industrialized countries in Asia to let their currencies appreciate.

The US Treasury Secretary said G7 finance ministers would report to their heads of government at the Venice summit on a process of implementing policy co-ordination. This report would describe medium-term economic objectives and projections as a framework for assessing policies and performance. It would establish the ground rules for deciding when consultations were needed to consider corrective action.

Mr Baker also pledged that the Reagan Administration would continue to resist protectionism, but he said early concerted action to stimulate growth in other countries was needed to reduce external imbalances.

This year there should be a decline of about $40 billion (£24 billion) from last year's level and in 1988 additional cuts of at least $20 billion could be expected, he said.

In Japan, a "substantial volume adjustment" has started to cut into Tokyo's current account and trade surpluses, and we therefore expect a steadily declining external surplus, in value as well as in volume, in the medium term," Mr Yoshinobu Shimamura, the Vice-Minister of State for Economic Planning, said.

A 4 trillion yen (£21.62 billion) spending package formulated by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party last month would be adopted by the government, giving a major boost to Japanese domestic demand this year, he added.

Herr Martin Bangemann, the West German Economics Minister, offered a similarly positive assessment of the outlook for his country. He said a recent cut in the official forecast for West German economic growth, to 2 per cent this year, masked a turnround with strong growth forecast by the end of the year

Ernest Beaumont: profits well ahead in first quarter

Bunzl pays $34m for US paper firm

By Ray Heath

The fast-growing Bunzl group is adding to its US industrial paper products business through the $34 million (£21.25 million) purchase of Collins Foodservice, a subsidiary of Collins Foods International, which is based in Los Angeles.

The deal is the latest in a long string of acquisitions which has placed Bunzl well into the top 100 British companies and will add to its already extensive distribution business in America, where it made 34 per cent of its profits last year.

Collins provides disposable paper and plastic products to fast food outlets in 10 Western states, and in the year to the end of April was expected to have made profits of $6 million (£3.60 million) on a turnover of more than $300 million.

At Bunzl's annual meeting yesterday, the chairman, Mr Ernest Beaumont, reported a substantial increase in profits in the first quarter of the current year. Last year they rose 52 per cent to £65 million.

Mr Beaumont will retire in 12 months' time, and Mr James White, the managing director, will take the chair.

McDonnell expansion

McDonnell Douglas Information Systems is to establish a software development centre on the northern outskirts of Belfast to capitalize on Northern Ireland's generous supply of computer graduates, the company said yesterday.

McDonnell Douglas, with financial aid from the Northern Ireland Industrial Development Board, is to expand its staff of only three programmers in Belfast to more than 20 programmers, systems analysts and software development engineers over the next two years.

Belfast is to become the company's principal software development centre in the United Kingdom, servicing local authority and governmental users, a task previously handled by similar centres in Birmingham and Dunstable or subcontracted to independent software houses in England.

Mr Alan Howard, McDonnell Douglas's director of application systems, said: "Our experience has shown that the quality of graduates in Northern Ireland is very high, and we anticipate no problems in being able to fill our vacancies with people of the right calibre."

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Omens are good for the Bank's auction

The omens are good for today's experiment by the Bank of England in auctioning gilt-edged stock (Treasury, 8 per cent, 1992). The 27 gilt market-makers and anyone else with an interest are ready to slip their bids into the Bank by 10 am. The results will be known by lunchtime.

The strong gilt market performance of recent months was a little marred on Monday when the election announcement sent prices tumbling by about a point. Yesterday morning, the long end of the gilt market was again populated by long faces, doubting Thomases and simple cowards. But a firmer afternoon performance by sterling, a cent up at $1.6685 against the dollar at the close, turned the losses into gains of around half a point.

The auction and the prospect of Thursday's conventional £1 billion tap, have done little more than remove froth from a market which was getting too far ahead of itself. The underlying tone, given signs of an easing of German interest rates, remains bullish. The Bundesbank cut the minimum bid rate on its 28-day securities repurchase pact from 3.8 to 3.5 per cent, a move probably presaging a discount-rate cut before too long.

For the Bank of England, one important factor in the pricing of bids may be the interest shown by overseas investors. The auction system will, over time, undoubtedly draw to the London Government bond market international investors more used to the US auction system. But in the "when-issued" market, on which the whole success of the auction depends, overseas investors have so far acted cautiously.

Not all foreign investors are fully aware of the positive economic news about Britain and the beneficent financial consequences of a third victory for Mrs Thatcher at the polls. Salesmen have spent the last week trying to convince Japanese, European and US investors that sterling's strength and the re-rating of the British economy is not just a flash in the pan but based on sound foundations. At the same time, sterling interest rates look set to fall further after polling day.

Domestic investors have few doubts. Yet it will be interesting to see whether the big institutions choose to pitch in with their own bids or operate through the market-makers. The Bank has allowed them to bid on their own behalf, although they have to submit bids on paper, while the market-makers have the flexibility of telephones.

This is where the importance of the pre-auction, "when-issued" market comes in. It is here that the crucial exchange of information allows market participants to gauge the level of interest in the issue. The market-makers will almost certainly have the better information-gathering systems and should, thus, be able to judge their bids more finely.

If this is the case, it will mark the first step in what Salomon Brothers, for one, sees as the inevitable adoption of a full US-style auction system. That would mean auctions held at regular intervals, the whole amount always allocated and fully underwritten by market-makers. None of these conditions apply to the Bank's current experiment.

The success of the first auction is critical for the Salomon prognosis. The Bank has promised two further auctions later in the year of £1 billion each. With a falling Public Sector Borrowing Requirement and given the gilt funding already carried out, the £3 billion to be raised by auction may not leave too much to spare for more traditional funding methods.

Examining the City

Another committee of the great and good has been formed to monitor the Stock Exchange's contribution to the development of British industry. Coming less than six months after the Confederation of British Industry's initiative in forming its own task force to bridge a perceived gap between the City and industry, it seems the problem must be worse than we thought.

The Listed Companies Advisory Committee, chaired by Denys Henderson, the chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, will examine the development and regulation of the markets through the eyes of listed companies. Logically, this sort of dialogue should have begun when Jonathan opened his coffee house, but it has not and rifts between the providers of capital and users continue to open.

At the top of the agenda will be the alleged short-sighted approach of the City to industry and its performance. It will be surprising if the first meeting of the LCAC, scheduled for May 28, does not tackle pre-emption rights, which is far from being a theological dispute between isolated clerics and powerful institutional orders.

Mr Henderson is keen to educate the City about the real needs of the companies whose shares they buy, sell, recommend or disparage.

Whether two groups are needed to dissect and remove the City's shortcomings is debatable. The aims of both committees are similar. However, given the surprisingly strong support for a resolution condemning the City's alleged casino mentality at last November's CBI annual conference, the LCAC might be welcomed as the voice of moderation.

Spanish blow to Kingsley

By Joe Joseph

The financial fortunes of Kingsley & Forester, the Manchester household textiles and toys group, suffered rather than improved when Spain, one of its leading suppliers, joined the European Economic Community last year.

Mr Arnold Forester, the chairman, complains that manufacturing subsidies were immediately removed when Spain joined the bloc, but British duties on Spanish piece goods and manufactured goods are only being phased out over a few years.

The result for Kingsley, whose main business is importing, manufacturing and wholesaling household textiles such as towels, sheets and duvet covers, was a sharp jump in prices of Spanish imports.

This, coupled with adverse currency movements, dented 1986 profits despite a good start to the year.

Pretax profits, further pressured by competition in wholesale markets, fell to £1.76 million from £2.01 million, although turnover rose 10 per cent to £49.64 million. The final dividend was held at 2.038p, making an unchanged 3.038p for the year.

Mr Forester said Kingsley has responded to its problems by turning more to America, Canada and Brazil for supplies and the company's order book is now relatively healthy. Plans to move into a broader range of better quality products are in hand and the company hopes to produce US goods here under licence.

"I am optimistic that we are going the right way," said Mr Forester yesterday.

Nissan poised to step up pressure

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

The British fleet car market is set to become even more competitive following Nissan's decision to raise production at its Sunderland, Tyne and Wear plant from 24,000 to 29,000 cars this year.

Recruitment of an extra 300 workers in the North-east, in addition to 270 new jobs already planned for this year, is now underway.

To support the drive for a bigger share of the British market, the independent distributor of Nissan vehicles, Nissan UK, is to spend another £26 million on creating 25 new main dealer outlets: the Worthing-based company has already invested £50 million on expanding the dealer network.

Sunderland-built Bluebirds, for which demand has grown faster than predicted, compete directly in the important medium-size class which accounts for almost half fleet sales.

At the end of this year, when local content rises above 60 per cent and the cars are classified as "British", an important barrier to fleet sales will have been crossed.

Currently Nissan is limited by import quota to 5.8 per cent of the British market. When the Sunderland-built Bluebirds are no longer counted as imports, Nissan will be able to expand sales sharply, reaching perhaps 10 per cent of the market.

Mr Stan Cholaj, joint managing director, Nissan UK, said that already one in four Bluebirds is sold to a business user and next year he was confident the car would achieve success with major corporate buyers.

Parties of influential fleet managers have been taken to the Sunderland plant, where building work on the second phase, designed to raise output to 100,000 cars with a workforce of 2,700.

Plan to improve work scheduling

The slow delivery of products is often quoted as a failing of British industry, says Strathclyde University, Glasgow, which yesterday announced a project for researchers to use the latest computer techniques to provide improved measures of work scheduling.

Support for this research, being carried out with British Alcan Aluminium, and Yard, has come from the Alvey Directory, set up by the Government to bridge the gap between university research and the practical needs of industry.

The project has a total value of £812,000, of which the university will receive £196,000. Yard will act as overall project managers, transferring university expertise into the marketplace.

The Strathclyde team is led by Dr Iain Buchanan and Mr David Pritty of the university's department of computer science. One of the first jobs the researchers will tackle will be the provision of a schedule system for the Alcan plate plant at Kitt's Green in Birmingham.

British Alcan has long-standing links with Strathclyde in the development of on-line production control and automation systems.

Mr Pritty said: "Gathering together raw materials, machinery, people and other components in the right place, in the right quantity, and at the right time, has always been a problem for industry, even with the help of computers.

"Working closely with our industrial partners we will employ the latest artificial intelligence and knowledge-based computing techniques to simulate plant conditions and problems, and to manipulate these in a search for good methods of scheduling."

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City peer group

City lobbyists are most numerous in the House of Lords, but it is striking how so many names so aptly fit the role. In Monday's final debate on the delegation order for transferring powers to the Securities and Investments Board, peers who spoke included Lord Banks and Lord Boardman, the NatWest chairman. From the cross benches an attempt was made to voice alternative, if confused, City concerns by the noble Lord Tryon. And the order was safely steered through the House for the Government by none other than that leading light on financial services, Lord Lucas.

Ernie's night to remember

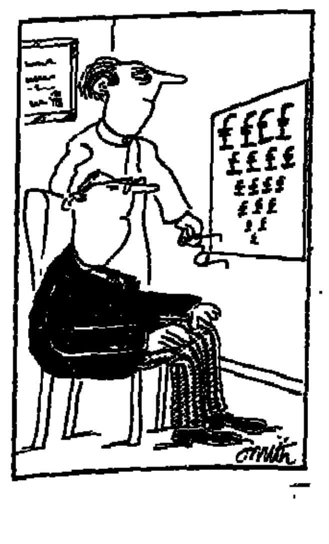
Ernest Saunders, erstwhile chief of the Guinness drinks group, has obviously managed to maintain his sense of humour despite his recent traumatic experiences, culminating in a night in the police cells before his appearance at Bow Street Magistrates' Court. At last Thursday's hearing, the magistrate allowed Saunders bail provided he stayed at the London home of his solicitor, Stephen Ralph. "I want to congratulate Mr Ralph on his standard of hotel accommodation," said 'Deadly' Ernest yesterday, in an anything but deadly serious mood. "It is one hell of a lot better than the one night I spent somewhere else." When asked by amused Pressmen what his overnight stay in custody had been like, he quipped, "I wouldn't recommend it." The biggest laugh, however, came during yesterday's court proceedings, when the magistrate asked 'Tiny' Rowland whether he would have any difficulty raising £250,000 surety for bail. "None," came the succinct reply from the notorious multi-millionaire.

Light reading

Vigourous lobbyist Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow, brought a moment of light relief to the House of Commons yesterday. He had previously asked the Prime Minister if she would be ordering a copy of Peter Pugh's new book *Is Guinness Good For You?* — *The Bid for Distillers: the Inside Story*, for the No. 10 library. "No," came the PM's terse reply.

Dash for cash

All pretence of gentlemanly behaviour seems to have gone out of the window amidst the South African community in its frantic bid to attract foreign investors. Several representatives of rival South African investment houses and institutions managed to infiltrate a lavish cocktail party at the Sheraton Park Tower Hotel in Knightsbridge the other evening, hosted by the Electricity Supply Commission of South Africa — known as Escom. The cheeky intruders were attempting to sweet-talk Escom's unsuspecting guests into making other South African investments — and all at Escom's expense. One pukka British broker was horrified to receive no less than two telephone calls from South Africans ahead of the party asking if he had any spare invitations.



● Some people can't tell brown bread from Hovis but my problem is that I can't tell Dale from Smleigh. Jet-lagged from my recent holiday (no excuse, ed.) I contrived to get a story about them in yesterday's diary base over apex. My humble apologies, and thanks to both Dale and Smleigh for their gracious understanding.

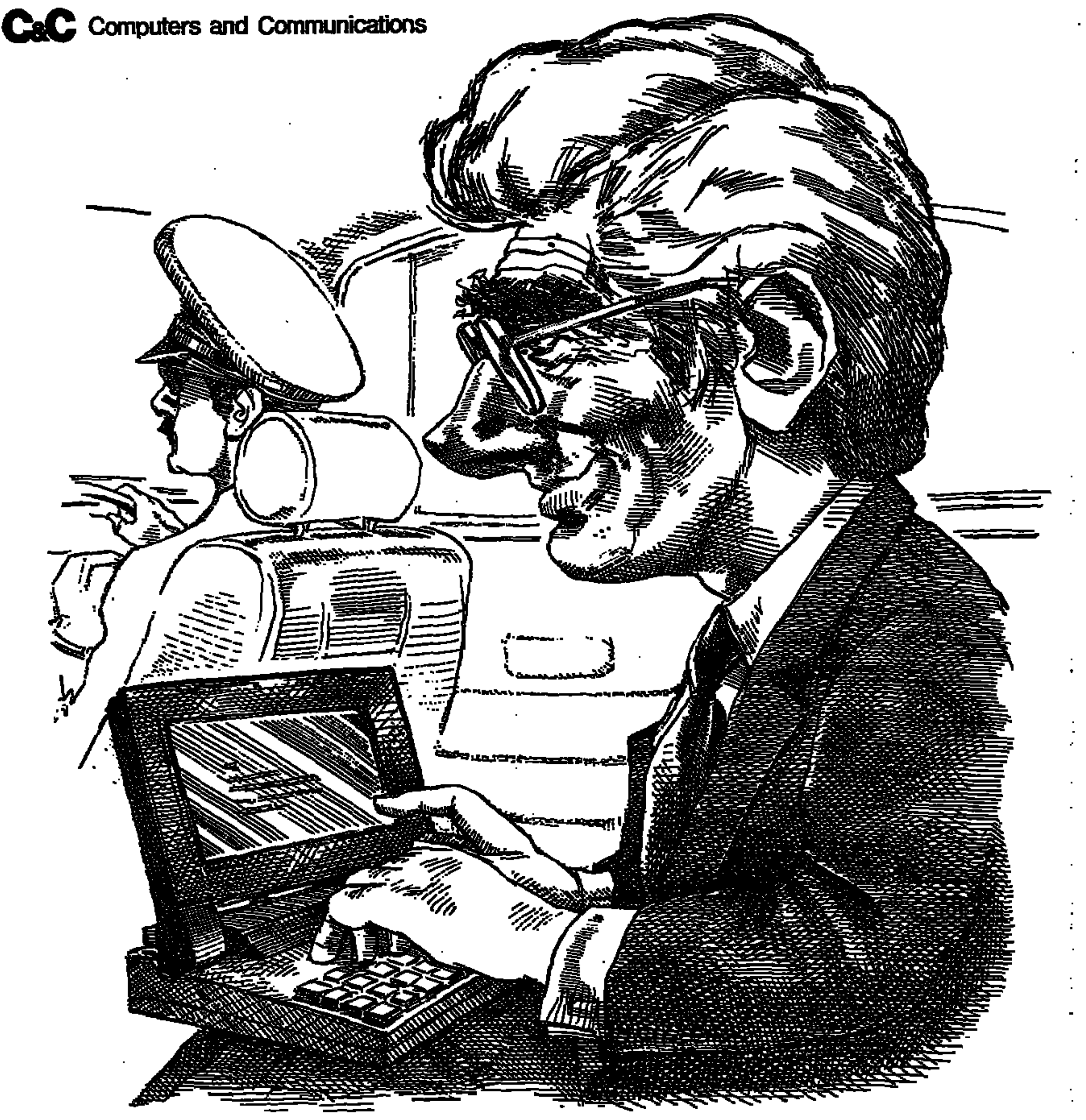
Not suited to Savile Row

The Department of the Environment's decision to ease the change of use planning restrictions in London's tailoring district, Savile Row — where the average cost of a made-to-measure suit is £800 — has revealed a curious split in the size of the clothing budgets of various esteemed members of the Cabinet. The change in the planning law was finalized last week by Nicholas Ridley, Environment Secretary, and an enthusiastic Marks & Spencer suit-buyer. His Cabinet colleague, Trade & Industry Secretary Paul Channon, is, however, a member of the wealthy Guinness family and life-long Savile Row customer. Channon is understood to have been a little more sympathetic to the tailors' cause — many of whom now fear they will be forced out as their 95-year leases expire during the coming decade and rents quadruple.

Spurred on

Tony Berry, chairman of Blue Arrow, could be in for a double celebration this week. An ardent, life-long Spurs supporter — he joined the club's board two months ago after acquiring a 4 per cent stake — he is sure to be watching the FA Cup final on Saturday when his team meets Coventry City. If Spurs win, their shares look certain to be in for a further boost. Earlier this week they hit a new all-time high of 115p each, giving him a paper profit, already, of more than £25,000.

Carol Leonard



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APPOINTMENTS

S&W Berisford: Mr **Henry Lewis** becomes executive deputy chairman, and Mr **Philip Aaronberg** is made chief financial officer.

Waterglade International Holdings: Mr **Michael Ewing** has become finance director.

Morison Stoneham: Mr **Jonathan Woodbridge** is made a partner in the tax consultancy department. Mr **Nick Jones** becomes a partner in the corporate client department. Mr **Minoo Randeria** and Mr **Peter Everitt** join as associate partners.

EMAP: Mr **Stanley Clarke** joins the board. Mr **Robin Miller**, Mr **David Arculus** and Mr **Martin Lusby** join the board of Courier Press Holdings, and Mr Lusby becomes deputy chairman of Courier. Mr **John Bradshaw** becomes managing director of Senews.

John Govett Pensions: Mr **Dwight Makins** becomes chairman. Mr **Mike Sampson** managing director. Mr **Mark Cornwall-Jones** group investment director. Mr **Robin Berrill** marketing director and Mr **James Barstow** and Mr **Ian Kennedy** become directors.

Wimpey Construction UK: Mr **DJ Horner** and Mr **D Anderson** become directors.

Fenchurch Insurance Holdings: Mr **Hugh Lee** joins the board of Fenchurch Underwriting Agencies. Mr **Christopher Keeling** becomes chairman of Stutter & Tallack.

CCL Financial Group: Mr **Marcus Begbie-Clench** joins the board.

Nash Industries: Mr **David Bacon** becomes a non-executive director, and Mr **A David** company secretary.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	91.33	91.40	91.27	91 37	5832
Sep 87	91.62	91.62	91 56	91 62	2260
Dec 87	91.41	91.42	91.36	91 42	653
Mar 88	91 20	91.26	91.18	91.26	189
Jun 88	91 10	91.12	91.09	91 10	34
Sep 88	90.95	90.95	90.95	90.97	5
Dec 88	NT	....	....	90 84	0
Mar 89	NT	....	....	90.74	0
		Previous day's total open interest 26906			
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.56	92 59	92.54	92.57	3004
Sep 87	92 04	92.10	92 02	92.05	6303
Dec 87	91 85	91.87	91 77	91 80	609
Mar 88	91 67	91.70	91.61	91.63	450
Jun 88	NT	....	....	91 47	0
Sep 88	NT	....	....	91.31	0
Dec 88	NT	....	....	91.15	0
Mar 89	NT	....	....	90.99	0
		Previous day's total open interest 29495			
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	90-18	90-29	90-01	90-11	6707
Sep 87	89-16	90-00	89-16	89-15	22
		Previous day's total open interest 5541			
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	....	....	....	
Sep 87	NT	....	....	....	
Dec 87	NT	....	....	....	
		Previous day's total open interest 0			
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	126-16	127-17	126-06	127-13	40725
Sep 87	126-10	127-08	126-10	127-09	154
Dec 87	NT	....	....	126-30	0
		Previous day's total open interest 31035			
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	216.70	217 70	215.50	216.75	1153
Sep 87	220 00	220.00	220.00	220.00	10
		Previous day's total open interest 4779			

ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume 000
Allied-Lyons	1,900	English China	421	Rank Org	625
Amstrad	2,500	Fisons	733	Rank Hovis	2,500
Argyll	3,800	Gen Accident	440	Redland	840
ASDA-MFI	5,700	GEC	12,000	Reckitt Colman	255
Ass Br Foods	1,800	Glaxo	1,300	Reed Int	550
BET	748	Globe IT	921	Reuters	581
BTR	4,400	Granada	1,600	RMC Group	173
BAT	2,500	Grand Met	4,400	RTZ	802
Barclays	1,600	GUS 'A'	175	Rowntree	938
Bass	735	GRE	253	Royal B of Scot	214
Beecham	1,600	GKN	2,600	Royal Ins	1,300
Blue Circle	266	Guinness	2,400	Saatchi	1,000
BOC	1,800	Hanson	10,000	Sainsbury (J)	1,700
Boots	1,500	Hawker Siddeley	917	Sears	35,000
BPB Ind	576	Hillsdown	2,800	Sedgwick Gp	438
BPCC	461	Imp Chem Ind	1,200	Shell	3,400
Br Aerospace	10,000	Jaguar	1,500	Smith & Nephew	1,900
Br Airways	11,000	Ladbroke	3,800	STC	4,700
Brit Comm	2,300	Land Securities	2,900	Stan Chart	489
Br Gas	32,000	Legal & Gen	446	Storehouse	938
Br Petroleum	7,600	Lloyds	1,700	Sun Alliance	1,200
Br Telecom	23,000	Lonrho	218	Tarmac	1,300
Britoil	4,000	Marks & Spencer	4,300	TSB P/P	13,000
Bunzl	2,500	MEPC	113	Tesco	1,200
Burton	2,400	Midland	807	Thorn EMI	1,700
Cable & Wireless	3,900	Nat West	968	Trafalgar House	1,200
Cadbury Schwep	4,400	Next	2,000	Trusthouse Forte	2,000
Coats Viyella	343	P & O Dfrd	331	Unigate	772
Com Union	3,800	Pearson	327	Unilever	297
Cons Goldfields	1,000	Pilkington Bros	268	Utd Biscuits	2,400
Cookson Gp	156	Plessey	19,000	Wellcome	604
Courtaulds	1,000	Prudential	729	Whitbread 'A'	1,200
Dee Corp	3,500	Racal Elect	3,600	Woolworth	708
Dixons Gp	2,200				

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 12	Market rates close May 12	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6625-1.6690	1.6680-1.6690	0.29-0.26prem	0.67-0.62prem
Montreal	2.211-2.2306	2.2276-2.2306	0.28-0.18prem	0.44-0.31prem
Ams'dam	3.3501-3.3614	3.3589-3.3614	1½-¼prem	3¼-2¾prem
Brussels	61.68-61.99	61.87-61.99	13-8prem	30-19prem
C'phgen	11.1720-11.2349	11.2115-11.2349	1⅛-1⅞dis	4-4⅞dis
Dublin	1.1119-1.1183	1.1130-1.1140	20-27dis	42-55dis
Frankfurt	2.9726-2.9842	2.9799-2.9842	1½-1⅜prem	3⅞-3⅝prem
Lisbon	230.33-232.06	231.09-232.06	92-163dis	339-429dis
Madrid	208.45-209.17	208.81-209.17	127-291dis	386-589dis
Milan	2148.80-2156.99	2152.37-2156.99	par-3dis	2-7dis
Oslo	11.0573-11.1180	11.0947-11.1180	5⅛-6dis	15⅞-16¾dis
Paris	9.9334-9.9669	9.9526-9.9669	⅜-⅛prem	1⅜-⅞prem
St khlm	10.3921-10.4442	10.4262-10.4442	⅝-1⅛dis	2½-3¼dis
Tokyo	231.82-232.98	232.59-232.98	1⅛-⅞prem	3-2⅝prem
Vienna	20.92-20.98	20.95-20.98	9-7⅝prem	18⅞-16½prem
Zurich	2.4405-2.4492	2.4452-2.4492	1⅜-1⅛prem	3¼-2⅞prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.2 (day's range 73.1-73.3).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.6322-2.6439
Australia dollar	2.3263-2.3294
Bahrain dinar	0.6250-0.6290
Brazil cruzado*	48.21-48.48
Cyprus pound	0.7800-0.7900
Finland marka	7.2235-7.2635
Greece drachma	220.86-228.86
Hong Kong dollar	13.0043-13.0139
India rupee	21.00-21.20
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4512-0.4552
Malaysia dollar	4.1169-4.1212
Mexico peso	2000.00-2000.50
New Zealand dollar	2.8812-2.8880
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.2200-6.2600
Singapore dollar	3.5352-3.5391
S Africa rand (fin)	5.3205-5.4101
S Africa rand (com)	3.3469-3.3558
U A E dirham	6.0903-6.1303

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4955-1.4970
Singapore	2.1210-2.1220
Malaysia	2.4700-2.4710
Australia	0.7160-0.7165
Canada	1.3364-1.3389
Sweden	6.2525-6.2575
Norway	6.6500-6.6550
Denmark	6.7225-6.7275
West Germany	1.7853-1.7860
Switzerland	1.4650-1.4660
Netherlands	2.0115-2.0125
France	5.9650-5.9700
Japan	139.35-139.45
Italy	1290.0-1291.0
Belgium(Comm)	37.06-37.09
Hong Kong	7.8020-7.8030
Portugal	138.70-139.20
Spain	125.10-125.20
Austria	12.56-12.58

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8¾ Low 5
Week fixed: 8¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying	Selling
2 mnth 8⅜	2 mnth 8 11/16
3 mnth 8⅝	3 mnth 8½

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 8 27/32-8 25/32	2 mnth 8 25/32-8 11/16
3 mnth 8⅝-8½	6 mnth 8 7/16-8 5/16

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 mnth 9½	2 mnth 9⅜
3 mnth 9¼	6 mnth 9

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 8¾ close 5

1 week 8⅞-8¾	6 mnth 8 13/16-8 11/16
1 mnth 8 15/16-8 13/16	9 mnth 8 13/16-8 11/16
3 mnth 8⅞-8 13/16	12 mth 8 13/16-8¾

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days 8½	7 days 8½
1 mnth 8⅝	3 mnth 8½
6 mnth 8⅜	12 mth 8¼

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 mnth 9¼-9	2 mnth 9-8¾
3 mnth 8 15/16-8 11/16	6 mnth 8¾-8½
9 mnth 8 11/16-8 7/16	12 mth 8 11/16-8 7/16

Sterling CDs (%)

1 mnth 8⅝-8½	3 mnth 8 25/32-8 21/32
6 mnth 8 27/32-8 19/32	12 mth 8 27/32-8 19/32

Dollar CDs (%)

1 mnth 7.00-6.95	3 mnth 7.15-7.10
6 mnth 7.45-7.40	12 mth 7.90-7.85

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar	call 7-6
7 days 6 9/16-6⅜	1 mnth 6⅝-6½
3 mnth 7 3/16-7 1/16	6 mnth 7½-7⅜
Deutschmark	call 4-3
7 days 3½-3⅜	1 mnth 3 5/16-3 7/16
3 mnth 3⅝-3½	6 mnth 3⅝-3½
French Franc	call 8-7
7 days 8¼-8	1 mnth 8 3/16-8 1/16
3 mnth 8 5/16-8 3/16	6 mnth 8 7/16-8 5/16
Swiss Franc	call 1⅜-⅞
7 days 1 11/16-7/16	1 mnth 3⅜-3¼
3 mnth 3⅝-3¼	6 mnth 3⅝-3⅜
Yen	call 4¼-3⅞
7 days 4-3⅞	1 mnth 3 15/16-3 13/16
3 mnth 3⅞-3¾	6 mnth 3⅞-3¾

BULLION

Gold:$461.25-461.75
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat):
$ 465.00-468.00 (£279.00-281.00)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat):
$ 108.00-109.00 (£64.75-65.50)

Platinum
$ 620.75 (£372.35)

Silver
$ 8.8000-8.8500 (£64.75-65.50)

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: 30 April, 1987. Agreed rates for period 26 May, 1987 to 23 June, 1987. Scheme I: 11.29 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.11 per cent. Reference rate for period 1 April, 1987 to 30 April, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.843 per cent.

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	370	400	-10
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	30	33	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	118	128	n/c
64	38	Catalyst Comm	60	64	-2
75½	24	Corton Beach	70	75	-3
197	121	Edenspring Inv	192	202	n/c
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	37	39	n/c
41	8	Do. Warrants	23	25	-2
37	17	Publishing Holdings	36	38	+2
57½	46	Theme Holdings	46	49	n/c
133	112½	Unit Group	110	115	n/c

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 5	May 15	Aug 6	Aug 17

Call options were taken out on: 12/5/87 Freshbake, Jove, Chloride, Charterhall, Sears, Martin Ford, Glaxo, NEI, Amstrad, Monument Oil & Gas, Control Securities, Ultramar, Sound Diffusion, Atlantic Resources, British Telecom, Property Trust, Bridon, Ryan Hotels, Jacksons Bourne End, Cluff Oil, Combined English Stores, Hunter, FNFC, Garfunkels, A&M Group, Combined International Corp.
Puts: Atlantic Resources, Mitchell Somers, British Telecom.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Oct	Jan	Puts Jul	Oct	Jan
Allied Lyons (*436)	360	78	90	98	1½	5	8
	390	52	67	78	4	9	13
	420	30	43	52	11	17	20
British Gas (*109)	80	31½	34½	—	½	1	—
	90	21½	26½	32½	1	2½	4½
	100	14	20	25½	1	5½	7
British Airways (*169)	130	40	41	—	2	3	—
	140	30	33	43	2	4	6
	160	17	23	30	8	12	15
BP (*338)	267	78	84	—	2	3	—
	283	62	69	75	2	6	8
	300	48	57	65	3½	6	12
Britoil (*277)	220	63	70	77	2	4	8
	240	46	54	63	7	13	17
	260	33	42	51	13	20	24
Cons Gold (*974)	950	85	110	132	44	65	82
	1000	60	87	105	77	92	112
	1050	42	65	—	110	120	—
Courtaulds (*435)	360	78	89	—	2	5	—
	390	55	71	75	7	12	15
	420	33	49	55	15	24	29
	460	12	25	34	32	37	42
Com Union (*332)	300	41	53	61	5	7	10
	330	19	35	45	13	16	20
	360	9	18	—	32	36	—
Cable & Wire (*381)	300	92	—	—	2	—	—
	330	67	75	87	4	9	17
	360	45	52	67	14	20	30
	390	21	40	50	25	35	40
GEC (*225)	180	48	53	60	1	2	4
	200	28	37	42	2	8	11
	220	16	21	31	10	15	18
Grand Met (*518)	420	105	113	127	1	4	6
	460	68	78	90	5	11	15
	500	38	48	63	15	21	25
	550	13	27	—	40	47	—
ICI (*1407)	1200	222	248	280	4	15	20
	1250	188	208	245	8	26	32
	1300	145	173	220	15	33	43
	1350	105	140	178	30	50	62
Land Securities (*454)	360	95	101	110	2	4	5
	390	65	73	83	2	7	13
	420	35	46	59	6	15	23
Marks & Spen (*249)	200	53	60	69	1	2	4
	220	33	41	50	3	6	9
	240	20	32	37	8	12	17
Shell Trans (*1287)	1150	175	190	—	7	15	—
	1200	128	152	173	15	25	33
	1250	95	128	150	28	35	48
Trafalgar House (*373)	300	79	87	96	2	5	7
	330	49	57	70	4	10	15
	360	28	38	48	12	19	25
TSB (*90)	70	21	23	—	1	1½	—
	80	11½	16½	19½	2	3	4
	90	5	10½	14	5	7	8½
Woolworth (*849)	750	120	140	160	4	20	25
	800	70	95	130	20	35	40
	850	45	65	100	45	55	65
	Series	Jun	Oct	Jan	Jun	Oct	Jan
Bass (*961)	900	75	95	108	8	30	45
	950	40	67	85	20	50	63
	1000	20	48	62	60	78	90
GKN (*330)	280	53	60	—	2	6	—
	300	36	44	52	4	10	13
	330	15	26	35	13	21	27
	360	5	16	24	34	40	44
Jaguar (*568)	550	38	57	78	15	25	35
	600	15	37	53	48	50	62
	650	3	23	—	83	90	—
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*203)	160	47	53	59	1	4	5
	180	31	38	45	5	10	12
	200	17	26	34	12	17	19
Beecham (*516)	460	65	78	85	4	14	17
	500	35	50	62	17	27	32
	550	12	30	40	43	55	60
	600	3	14	24	90	92	95
Boots (*298)	280	25	35	46	7	13	18
	300	13	23	34	16	21	26
	330	5	13	—	37	41	—
BTR (*320)	300	29	40	47	5	11	14
	330	12	23	30	17	23	30
	360	4	13	18	43	45	48
Blue Circle (*878)	700	183	195	212	1	3	6
	750	133	145	162	1	7	18
	800	83	97	117	4	15	27
De Beers (*1250)	1100	205	240	265	25	50	70
	1200	140	180	210	40	80	110
	1300	85	130	165	80	125	155
	1400	30	90	130	150	185	210
Dixons (*411)	351	66	78	—	1½	5	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Sep	Dec	Puts Jun	Sep	Dec
Dixons contd	360	—	—	82	—	—	11
	381	38	54	—	8	13	—
Glaxo (*1492)	1400	130	190	215	22	47	68
	1450	100	155	190	37	65	88
	1500	70	130	165	63	90	110
	1550	45	102	140	95	115	135
Hanson (*164)	135	30½	34½	—	1	3	—
	150	17	22½	—	2	5½	—
	165	7	13½	—	7½	10½	—
	180	2½	7½	12	18	20	21
Sears (*154)	130	25½	28½	33	½	2	4½
	140	15½	21½	25	1	6	8
	160	5	10½	15	11½	16	18
Tesco (*527)	420	108	115	—	1	2	—
	460	68	78	93	2	5	8
	500	38	50	63	8	17	22
Thorn EMI (*687)	500	195	200	—	1	1½	—
	550	145	150	—	2	4	—
	600	95	100	125	3	10	15
	650	57	67	90	15	23	30
THF (*251)	200	54	58	66	1	2	3
	220	34	42	49	1	4	7
	240	17	29	35	5	9	13
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*669)	600	72	103	113	2	13	22
	650	30	63	83	7	25	33
	700	8	40	55	35	45	58
BAT Inds (*540)	420	122	132	—	1	2	—
	460	82	95	108	1	4	9
	500	42	63	77	2	13	20
	550	9	35	50	20	30	38
Brit Telecom (*308)	280	29	37	47	1	8	15
	300	13	26	36	5	18	23
	330	1½	12	21	24	32	37
Cadbury Schwpps (*254)	240	15	28	40	1	8	13
	260	3	17	29	9	17	23
	280	½	10	—	28	33	—
Guinness (*331)	300	33	50	58	2	8	13
	330	7	25	39	5¾	18	23
	360	1	13	—	32	37	—
Ladbroke (*411)	373	43	57	—	2	6	—
	403	17	37	52	5	17	23
	443	3	18	32	36	39	42
LASMO (*285)	260	27	40	53	4	12	18
	280	14	31	38	7	20	25
	300	4	20	26	18	30	35
Plessey (*227)	220	11	25	30	4	11	15
	240	2½	14	19	17	24	28
	260	½	8	11	36	40	44
P & O (*629)	550	83	95	110	½	5	8
	600	33	50	72	2	17	23
	650	6	25	43	25	37	45
Racal (*247)	220	28	38	46	1	7	11
	240	10	24	30	2	14	17
	260	2	13	20	14	20	24
RTZ (*1034)	900	140	152	170	3	10	25
	950	90	112	135	3	17	32
	1000	42	84	110	6	32	50
	1050	12	62	80	23	54	70
Vaal Reefs (*133)	130	5½	13¾	18½	3¼	9½	13
	140	2¾	9¾	15	10	14½	18
	150	1	6½	12	19½	21½	24
	Series	May	Aug	Dec	May	Aug	Dec
Barclays (*525)	500	28	50	63	2	10	18
	550	3	28	43	28	38	45
	600	1	9	17	77	80	85
Midland Bank (*681)	600	85	105	122	2	7	15
	650	40	67	90	6	17	25
	700	8	40	60	23	40	45
	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*278)	200	80	83	—	1	1½	—
	218	62	65	—	1½	3½	—
	236	44	49	54	2½	6	8
	255	26	34	40	4	9	13
	273	15	23	29	10	16	19
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*£110)	106	4 1/16	4 1/16	4 1/16	1/16	¼	9/16
	108	2 1/16	2 7/16	2 7/16	1/16	½	1
	110	⅝	1¼	1 7/16	11/16	1⅜	2⅜
	112	5/32	⅜	13/16	2 1/16	2⅞	3 5/16
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*£125)	118	7 1/16	7⅞	8 5/16	1/16	13/16	1½
	120	5 1/16	6¼	6⅝	1/16	1¼	2¼
	122	3 9/16	5	5⅞	¼	[illegible]	[illegible]
	124	1⅞	3⅜	4⅝	¾	[illegible]	3⅜
	126	[illegible]	2⅞	3¾	1⅝	[illegible]	[illegible]

	Series	Calls May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Puts May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FT-SE Index (*2138)	1850	302	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
	1900	252	275	290	—	1	5	10	—
	1950	202	227	245	—	2	9	17	—
	2000	152	185	205	220	3	16	27	38
	2050	107	145	167	180	9	27	40	53
	2100	72	110	133	150	20	45	63	73
	2150	42	82	105	125	44	70	80	95
	2200	20	55	78	105	75	90	115	130

May 12, 87. Total contracts 79341. Calls 56173. Puts 23168. *Underlying security price. FT-SE Index. Calls 1988. Puts 1291

BANK OF WALES BASE RATE

Bank of Wales announces that its Base Rate has been decreased from 9.5% to 9% with effect from 11th May 1987.

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RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Airtours (180p)	205
Bellwinch (115p)	143 +6
Bonded Laminates	98 +2
Burford (80p)	215 -5
Camb Instr (130p)	130
Camb Isotopes (55p)	83
Capital Radio (105p)	172 -1
Colorgraphic (125p)	185 -1
Cooper (A) (130p)	146 -2
Cundell New (125p)	153 -3
Dale Group (110p)	123
Doeflex (135p)	170 -1
Epwin (155p)	190
Filofax	176 +12
Mallett	237 -3
March Gp	121 -1
Molex	£26¾ -¼
Nobo (152p)	176 -3
Perpetual (180p)	195
RKF	89
Reliance Sec	170
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	260
Select App (135p)	233 +3
Sinclair G S (90p)	107
TSB Group (100p)	90 +1
UCL Gp	160
Virgin (140p)	169 -1
Waterglade (140p)	183 -2
Wyevale (120p)	211 +6

RIGHTS ISSUES

Astra Ind F/P	20½
Authority Inv N/P	115 -5
Brent Walker N/P	172 +7
Priest M.6½% Cnv N/P	£35
Tyzack N/P	42
Vaux N/P	60 -2
Walker A N/P	54 +2

(Issue price in brackets).

BASE LENDING RATES

ABN	9.50%
Adam & Company	9.50%
BCCI	9.50%
Citibank Savings†	12.45%
Consolidated Crds	9.50%
Co-operative Bank	9.00%
C. Hoare & Co	9.00%
Hong Kong & Shanghai	9.00%
Lloyds Bank	9.00%
Nat Westminster	9.00%
Royal Bank of Scotland	9.00%
TSB	9.50%
Citibank NA	9.00%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

Pioneer Mutual Insurance Company Limited

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of this COMPANY will be held at the BLUNDELLSANDS HOTEL, THE SERPENTINE, LIVERPOOL L23 6TN, on WEDNESDAY, 3RD JUNE, 1987 at 12.00 noon for the purpose of transacting the following business:-

1. To receive the Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December 1986.
2. To re-elect a Director. The Director retiring by rotation is Mr. G. White who is eligible for re-election.
3. To re-appoint Arthur Young as Auditors to the Company and to authorise the Directors to determine their remuneration.

DATED 11th May 1987
By order of the Board
D. BLEAZARD
Secretary

REGISTERED AND HEAD OFFICE:-
Pioneer House, 16 Crosby Road North,
Waterloo, Liverpool. L22 0NY

NOTES:
1. A member entitled to attend and vote may appoint a proxy to attend and vote instead of him. A proxy must be a member of the Company.

ALTHOUGH WE'VE MADE OVER 500 CHANGES, THERE'S ONE THING WE COULDN'T IMPROVE.

LONDON HILTON ON PARK LANE

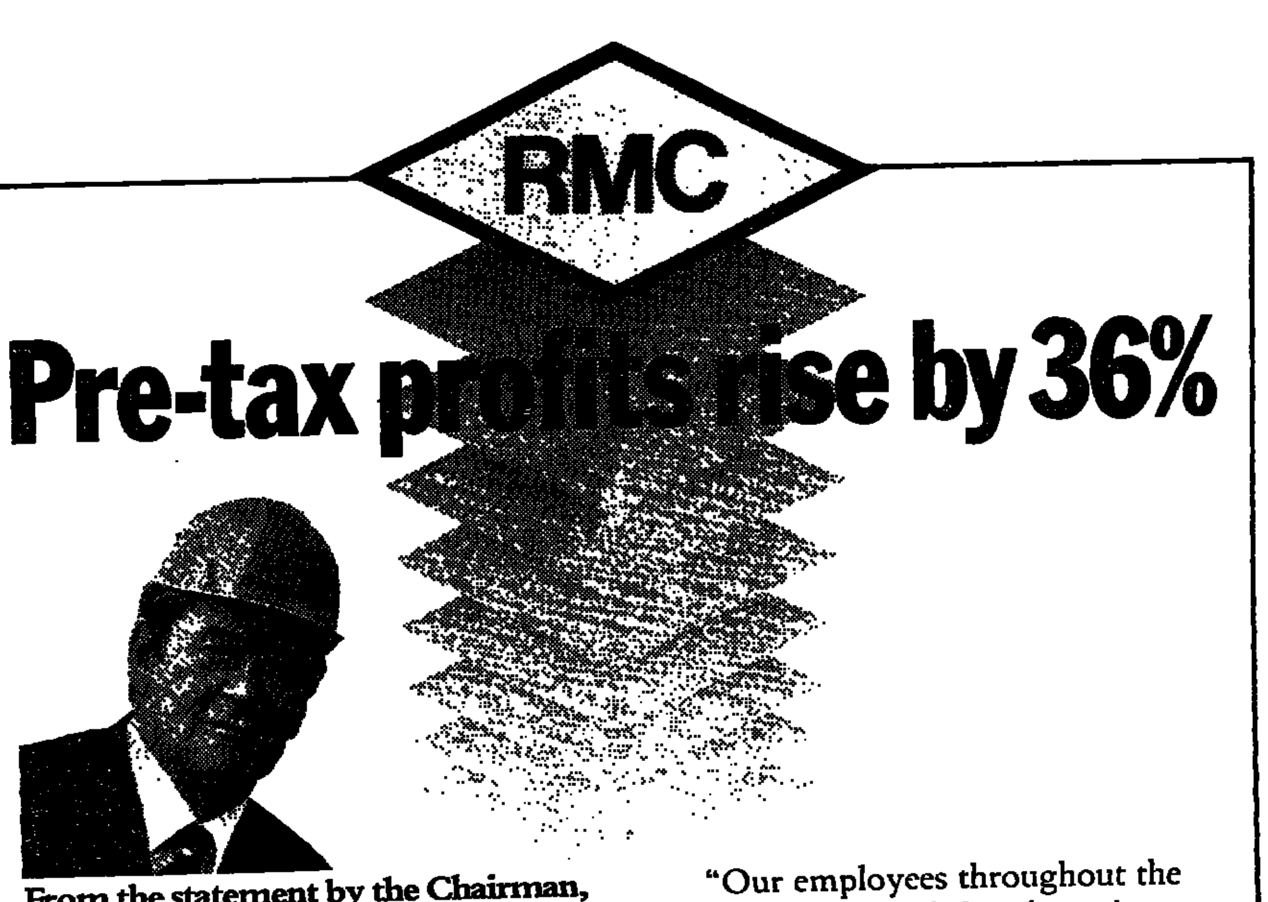
And that's the view. Otherwise you'll see plenty of differences at the London Hilton on Park Lane.

For a start, every room has been completely refurbished, and we've installed four new Executive Floors with upgraded guest rooms, their own Receptionist–and private lounge serving complimentary continental breakfast, cocktails and canapés. So staying with us is even more luxurious and comfortable than ever before.

You'll also notice the difference in the wide variety of places to eat and drink that we offer. From the spectacular Roof Restaurant, where you can dine, wine, dance and enjoy looking down on London, to the pub-like atmosphere of the St. George's Bar; a late night dance at the disco; a Polynesian treat at Trader Vic's – or the best of British cooking at the British Harvest – everything has been given an extra touch of class.

Next time you come to London, stay in one of London's newest hotels – but still in the best place. The London Hilton on Park Lane.

For reservations, call your travel agent, any Hilton International hotel or Hilton Reservation Service – in London 631 1767 and elsewhere in the UK Freefone 2124.



Pre-tax profits rise by 36%

From the statement by the Chairman, Mr John Camden

"The advance reflects the continuing solid performance of our United Kingdom operations, better trading in Germany coupled with the benefits of our rationalisation programme, excellent trading results from France and further improvement in the operations of our subsidiaries in Holland, Spain and the United States.

"We remain at the forefront of our industry as a result of our operational efficiency and continuing emphasis on a high standard of technical service.

"The 1986 results mirror our achievement in establishing our businesses primarily in those countries where stable conditions exist.

"It is proposed to seek shareholders' approval for a scrip issue on a one-for-one basis.

"Our employees throughout the world have responded and continue to respond to the challenging conditions of these competitive times. On behalf of all shareholders, I would thank them."

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RMC's core businesses are ready mixed concrete and aggregates. It also has substantial interests in a diverse range of activities including builders' merchants, DIY superstores, waste disposal, lime and concrete products, security and leisure.

Summary of Group Results

	1986	1985
Turnover	**£1,633.5m**	£1,363.8m
Pre-tax profit	**£108.5m**	£79.7m
Earnings per share	**61.0p**	45.3p
Dividends per share	**17.5p**	14.0p

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Inn on the Park, Hamilton Place, Park Lane, London W1 on 5th June 1987 at 11.30 am.

If you would like a copy of the 1986 Annual Report, please write to
The Secretary, RMC Group p.l.c.,
RMC House, High Street, Feltham,
Middlesex TW13 4HA.

RMC Group p.l.c.

The RMC Group operates internationally in Austria, Belgium, France, Holland, Israel, Republic of Ireland, Spain, United Kingdom, USA and West Germany.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Linkline)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	117.0	123.6	-0.6	9.69
High Inc Equity	125.5	133.5●	+1.8	3.89
Worldwide Bond	194.2	206.5●	+1.0	4.70
American Growth	169.0	179.5	+2.9	1.71
Asian Pacific	71.9	76.4	+0.7	2.54
Assets & Earns	155.3	165.2●	+3.8	1.59
Capital Reserve	72.0	72.5	+0.3	1.39
Comm & Energy	172.4	183.4	+2.1	0.85
European Capital	93.8	99.7●	-1.0	1.27
General	175.6	186.9	+8.9	2.41
Japan	93.5	99.4	+0.9	..
UK Growth Inc	152.1	161.8●	+3.0	1.02
Do Accum	221.0	235.0●	+4.3	0.70
US Emerging Co's	54.9	58.4	+0.6	1.87
Equitas Progress	275.8	293.1●	+5.1	2.35
Material Acc	81.5	86.6	+0.9	1.99
American Inc	51.7	55.0	+1.1	4.76

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6494

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian	81.0	86.6	..	..
Europe Growth Acc	118.8	126.5	-0.4	1.01
Exempt	407.1	431.3●	+8.8	3.81
Far Eastern	229.6	244.5	+1.5	0.10
Fin & Prop	86.2	91.3	+1.6	1.78
High Yield	76.3	80.8●	+1.2	4.32
Income & Gth	328.7	349.2	+6.7	3.48
Intl Earnings	208.0	220.3●	+4.7	1.97
Intl Growth Inc	100.2	106.7●	+0.6	0.41
Japan Growth Acc	154.3	165.0	..	0.20
Nat Resources Inc	295.2	314.4●	-0.7	..
Nth Amer Gth Inc	127.9	136.8	+1.2	0.60
Preference Inc	120.9	128.1●	+0.1	9.69
Small Co's Div Inc	86.5	91.7	+1.2	3.76
Small Co's Gth	309.3	327.7	+7.4	1.13
Special Sits Inc	168.5	178.5c	+2.8	1.08
UK Growth	431.8	457.4●	+11.8	2.33

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610366 & 0793 28291

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Special Sits	302.3	320.4	+7.7	2.50
Growth & Income	169.9	180.1●	+3.9	2.85
Capital Trust	286.1	303.3●	+7.0	2.44
Balanced	470.9	499.2	+12.1	2.63
Accum Trust	714.8	757.7	+20.4	2.50
American Income	31.2	33.2	+0.1	4.61
High Income Tst	321.7	341.0	+5.2	3.74
Equity Income	184.2	195.3	+3.3	3.89
High Yield	182.7	193.7●	+3.0	4.50
Govt Secs Trust	30.3	31.5●	-0.1	7.59
International	105.4	112.3	+1.1	0.85
Japan Fund	149.2	158.9	+0.5	0.01
Pacific Trust	237.6	253.0	+2.5	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	66.6	70.9●	..	1.34
Secs Of Amer Tst	218.4	232.6c	+0.2	0.46
Aid Asset Value	312.2	330.9c	+6.3	2.62
Conv & Gilt Trust	41.5	44.0●	+0.8	5.08
Smaller Co's	184.6	195.7	+3.2	1.67
2nd Smaller Co's	233.2	247.2	+4.0	1.62
Recovery Trust	109.5	116.1●	+2.2	2.25

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6901

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	50.4	53.7	..	1.80
Australian	26.9	28.7	-0.1	1.34
Japan & General	142.7	151.9	+1.8	0.03
High Income	58.7	62.5	+1.2	8.13
International Trust	100.5	107.0	+1.6	0.72
Income Gth Tst	67.0	71.3	+1.4	2.75
Gilts & Fixed Int	22.4	23.9●	..	9.16
Global Markets	39.1	41.6	+0.2	4.36
Special Situations	66.2	70.5●	+1.3	1.40

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
America	89.4	94.6●		0.93
Aust Accum	256.3	271.2	-0.7	0.24
Do Income	180.8	191.9	-0.2	0.24
Capital	89.5	94.7	+1.7	2.26
Exempt Trust	565.5	598.4●	+9.6	3.26
Extra Income	98.2	103.9●	+1.6	4.18
Financial	281.1	297.4c	+2.8	2.64
500	354.2	374.8	+5.2	2.31
General	180.1	190.5●	+3.3	2.52
Gilt & Fixed Inc	56.6	59.5c	-0.2	9.21
Japan & Gen Inc	233.8	247.1	+1.0	0.00
Do Acc	236.3	250.0	+1.1	0.00
Growth Accum	223.6	236.6	+3.2	1.85
Income Trust	438.1	463.5	+7.0	3.13

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
01-658 9002

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australia	102.5	108.8●	-0.6	0.30
Eastern	88.0	94.1	+1.0	0.00
Equity Income	74.9	79.6●	+1.2	4.50
Europe	134.8	143.4	..	1.00
Exempt Trust	22.8	24.3●	..	0.77
Growth & Inc	78.7	83.7	+1.8	2.50
Global Gth	68.0	72.4	-0.1	2.20
Japan Special	115.6	123.6	-0.2	0.10
Japan Sunrise	105.7	113.0●	+0.3	0.00
First Europe	118.2	125.7●	-0.1	0.40
First Japan	99.4	106.3c	+0.3	0.60
First N Amer	48.1	51.1		1.10
First Smaller Co's	96.0	102.1●	+1.5	2.70

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 6000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Smlr Co Inc	62.1	65.5	+0.2	0.00
Do Accum	63.6	67.3	+0.3	0.00
European Inc	100.9	106.4	+0.9	1.56
Do Accum	124.5	131.3	+1.1	1.56
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	27.0	28.5	+0.4	1.85
Do Accum	34.8	36.7	+0.4	1.85
General Inc	214.1	225.9	+3.5	1.75
Do Accum	295.9	312.2	+4.9	1.75
Gilt Yield Inc	116.7	120.2	-0.2	10.19
Global Inc	162.2	171.1	+1.0	5.38
Do Accum	277.7	293.0	+1.7	5.38
Do Accum	204.2	210.4	-0.3	10.19
High Yield Inc	119.6	126.2●	+1.4	4.06
Do Accum	245.2	258.7	+2.8	4.06
Intl Rec Inc	130.0	137.2c	+1.5	1.61
Do Accum	137.4	145.0	+1.6	1.61
Japan Inc	269.5	284.3●	-0.2	0.17
Do Accum	272.4	287.4●	-0.09	0.17
Japanese Spec Inc	121.4	128.1		0.26
Do Accum	122.0	128.7		0.26
N American Inc	52.0	54.9	-0.4	0.84
Do Accum	60.5	63.8	-0.6	0.84
Pacific Inc	162.0	170.9●	+0.9	0.24
Do Accum	183.3	193.4	+1.1	0.24
Planned Investment	160.1	169.3	..	2.49
Smaller Co's Inc	118.8	125.3	+1.3	0.95
Do Accum	141.5	149.3	+3.9	0.95
UK Equity Gth Inc	36.5	38.5	+0.8	0.24
Do Accum	60.4	63.7	+1.2	0.24
Worldwide Tech Inc	52.8	55.7	+0.2	0.06
Do Accum	53.4	56.3	+0.2	0.06

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Financial	185.2	197.1	+7.6	1.95
Smaller Co's Acc	364.3	385.5●	+8.6	0.68
Do Income	231.1	244.5●	+5.5	0.68
High Income	89.9	95.7	+1.8	4.67
Income	106.4	113.2●	+3.1	3.76
Man Portfolio Inc	95.5	101.6	+2.3	2.07
Do Acc	161.7	172.1	+3.8	2.07
North American	60.13	64.10	+0.12	1.38
Orient	99.1	105.5●	+1.0	0.27
Exempt	309.8	329.6●	+7.0	1.93
Recovery	76.1	80.6c	+3.8	1.05
German	30.5	32.4	-0.1	0.48
Technology	152.8	162.5●	+1.2	0.28
Europe	22.8	24.3●	..	0.77

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Fellowship Inc	66.1	69.3●	+1.1	2.00
General Inc (4)	303.6	318.7	..	1.47
Do Accum (4)	489.0	513.2	..	1.47
Income Fund (3)	131.9	138.1●	..	4.41
Do Accum (3)	240.2	251.4●	..	4.41
Intl Inc (2)	148.6	155.5	..	1.07
Do Accum (2)	198.2	207.4	..	1.07
Smaller Inc (5)	89.1	94.2s	..	1.55
Do Accum	95.6	101.2s	..	1.55

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital	450.4	479.2●	+7.4	1.47
Income	369.9	393.6●	+4.4	4.00
North American	307.5	327.2●	+1.5	0.75

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Inv Fund	489.45		..	3.86
Fixed Int	151.3	●	..	9.45
Deposit	100.0		..	10.35

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Income	455.09		..	4.39
Accum	£13.8137		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.30

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373393

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	25.3	26.8●	+0.1	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	25.1	26.8	+0.4	0.00
Equity High Income	60.10	63.65	+1.43	3.50
European Growth	30.5	32.3	..	0.40
General Equity	54.9	58.1	+1.3	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	32.7	34.5	-0.2	3.90
Gilt & Fixed Inc	26.2	27.5	-0.1	7.80
Intl Inc Tst	25.5	27.0●	+0.1	4.80
Japan Growth	44.8	47.8	+0.7	0.00
Pedigree Gth	32.8	34.8	+0.8	1.80

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK & Gen Inc	62.5	66.4	+2.0	2.42
Do Accum	62.5	66.4	+2.0	2.42
Income Inc	62.4	66.3	+1.9	3.64
Do Accum	62.4	66.3	+1.9	3.64
Worldwide Inc	55.5	59.6	+1.0	1.49
Do Accum	55.5	59.6	+1.0	1.49

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1999

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Grth Strat	74.1	78.5	+0.3	0.68
Extra Income	231.4	244.5●	+3.1	3.59
Financial	224.2	237.3	+2.7	2.02
Sth East Asia Grth	82.4	87.8●	+1.3	1.83
Growth Investment	380.2	402.3	+8.0	1.80
Income & Growth	54.7	57.8●	+1.1	3.42
Japanese Growth	280.4	298.7	+2.7	0.41
Nth Amer Growth	118.5	125.5●	+0.6	0.87
Intl Recovery	154.4	163.3	+0.9	1.28
Smaller Co's	317.3	335.8	+8.4	1.11
Global Inc Tst	65.4	69.3●	+0.2	6.32
Special Sits Acc	395.3	418.4c	+8.5	1.09

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	138.4	147.2	.	0.68
European Trust	126.6	134.7●	..	..
Growth Trust	289.9	308.4		2.33
High Income Trust	325.1	345.8●		4.31
Intl Tech Trust	128.9	136.2●	.	
Japanese Trust	197.2	209.8		

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	65.2	69.4	+2.0	4.00
UK Growth Accum	74.2	79.0	+2.0	2.00
Do Dist	73.1	77.8	+2.0	2.00
European Growth	83.1	87.2●	+0.4	1.86
Pacific Growth	72.0	76.7●	+0.5	0.61

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	69.2	73.6	+0.2	1.36
Capital Fund	140.0	149.2●	+2.7	1.14
Eurofund	26.3	28.0	..	1.78
Growth & Inc Fund	180.0	191.7	+6.0	3.26
High Dist Fund	153.0	163.0●	+4.1	4.14
International Fund	231.6	246.6	+3.2	0.51
Pacific Fund	25.1	26.7	+0.5	0.94
Resources Fund	33.7	35.8●	-0.8	0.00
Smlr Jap Co's Fnd	31.8	33.8	+0.6	
Tokyo Fund	232.6	247.7	+5.5	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	136.2	139.9●	..	2.16
(Ex) Japan (3)	127.6	131.1		0.16
(Ex) Pacific (4)	376.2	385.5		0.23
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	184.6	189.7		0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ
0242 521311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Balanced Inc	96.73	102.6	+2.82	2.31
Do Accum	99.2	105.2	+2.7	2.26
UK Growth Accum	131.1	139.1●	+3.6	1.47
UK High Inc Inc	99.1	105.1●	+2.2	3.32
N American Accum	74.2	79.1	+0.6	0.68
Far Eastern Accum	137.1	146.2	+1.4	0.69
European Accum	88.2	94.1	+0.3	1.22
UK Gilt & FI Inc	59.0	62.6	-0.2	7.83
Do Accum	62.8	66.6	-0.3	7.36
Intl Spec Sit Acc	48.8	51.8	+0.5	..

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Endurance	130.3	138.7		0.95

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equitable Pelican	99.7	106.1●	+2.2	2.83
High Income Trust	97.5	107.8●	+2.9	4.30
Gilt & Fixed Int	55.1	58.7	-0.1	7.36
Tst Of Inv Trusts	87.8	93.5	+1.7	1.69
Special Sits Trust	104.9	111.7	+1.8	2.00
Nth Amer Trust	62.8	66.9	+0.1	1.50
Far Eastern Trust	113.4	120.7	+0.5	0.37
Intl Growth	58.8	62.6	+0.4	0.99

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St Coventry CV1 1GD
0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Growth Accum	191.4	203.6●	.	2.52
Do Income	162.2	172.5●	..	2.52
Higher Inc Accum	330.9	352.0●	..	3.80
Do Income	257.6	274.0●	..	3.80
Gilts/Fixed Accum	110.7	118.5	..	7.81
Do Income	89.2	93.8	..	7.81
Nth Amer Tst Accum	143.2	152.3●	..	0.00
Far East Tst Accum	196.8	209.3●	..	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	163.0	173.4●	..	0.75
General Trust	294.5	313.2●	..	2.85

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
US Smaller Co's	69.5	74.0	+0.3	0.18
UK Income Fund	91.6	97.5	+2.3	4.31
Far Eastern Fund	82.2	87.5	+0.6	0.00
Overseas Income	73.7	78.5	+0.2	3.60
Fixed Interest	62.9	67.0	+0.2	9.53

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Natural Res Fund	75.3	80.2	+0.8	2.13
European Income	81.7	87.0	+0.3	2.87
Financials Fund	54.8	58.3	+0.3	2.88
Intl Tech Fund	125.3	133.3	+1.9	0.16

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Gth Inc	22.9	24.4	-0.5	..
Do Acc	22.9	24.4	-0.5	..
Balanced Gth Inc	66.6	70.7●	+1.0	0.80
Do Accum	68.0	72.3●	+1.0	..
Income Gth Inc	55.6	59.4	+0.4	5.30
Do Accum	59.8	63.6	+0.4	..
Service Co's Inc	76.0	80.8	+1.3	1.00
Do Accum	77.4	82.3	+1.3	..
Higher Inc	30.2	32.1	..	7.00
Do acc	30.6	32.5	..	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	116.7	124.2	-0.2	0.74
Amer Equity Income	33.7	35.9●	..	3.72
Amer Special Sits	54.4	57.9●	+0.5	0.12
Australia	43.6	46.4	+0.1	1.38
European	51.0	54.0	+0.3	..
European Inc	23.9	25.3	..	3.88
Global Conv	24.9	26.4	+0.2	5.00
Far East Inc	40.8	43.3c	+0.3	3.40
Gilt & Fixed Int	31.7	●	+0.3	9.48
Growth & Income	125.9	134.0	+2.3	3.83
Japan Special Sits	55.4	59.1	+1.2	..
Japan	170.0	181.4	+2.7	..
Managed Int	154.3	164.2	+0.9	0.20
Max Income Equity	110.8	117.7	+0.9	4.04
Professional Gilt	44.0	47.1	+0.6	1.77
South East Asia	50.0	53.2	+0.3	0.07
Special Sits	248.3	262.1	+4.4	0.78

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-628 5181

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	207.4	219.4	+1.6	..
Do Accum	211.9	224.2	+1.5	..
Amer Turnarnd Inc	212.4	224.7	+2.9	1.20
Do Accum	220.2	233.0	+2.9	1.20
Capital Tst Inc	287.1	303.8●	+5.4	1.66
Do Accum	351.1	371.5●	+6.5	1.66
Conv & Gilt Inc	107.2	113.4	+1.0	4.44
Do Accum	145.8	154.2	+1.3	4.44
European Inc	67.5	71.4●	..	0.83
Do Accum	67.5	71.4●	..	0.83
Extra Inc Tst Inc	227.8	241.0	+4.2	3.57
Do Accum	250.2	264.7	+4.6	3.57
Financial Accum	54.6	57.7	+0.3	1.08
Do Inc	54.3	57.4	+0.2	1.08
Income Trust	163.5	173.0c	+3.1	3.08
Do Accum	175.1	185.2c	+3.4	3.08
Int Growth Fd Inc	170.3	180.2	+1.2	..
Do Accum	189.1	200.1●	+1.3	..
Japan & Gen Inc	113.6	120.4	+1.4	..
Do Accum	114.9	121.5	+1.2	..
Monthly Income Fd	118.5	125.3●	+1.9	3.45
PEP 87	59.1	62.5	+1.5	2.85
Recovery	194.2	205.5	+2.7	0.95
Do Accum	211.9	224.2	+3.0	0.95

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
0306 885055

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
FP Equity Dist	260.9	276.9●	+7.2	2.23
Do Accum	443.7	471.0●	+12.1	2.23
FP Fixed Int Dist	118.6	126.1●	-1.8	8.35
Do Accum	144.4	153.6●	-1.9	8.35
Stewardship Dist	235.5	250.0●	+6.0	1.16
Do Accum	245.9	261.0●	+6.2	1.16
FP North American	128.2	136.9	..	1.39
FP Pacific Basin	219.4	232.6	+5.1	0.21

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Special Sits	77.7	82.7●	+0.6	0.50
UK Cap Fnd Inc	139.1	148.0	+5.9	2.00
Do Accum	201.6	214.5	+8.5	2.00
Income Fund	105.1	111.9	+3.6	5.20
International	190.9	203.1	+2.4	0.30
US & General	59.3	63.1	-0.2	0.70
Japan & General	308.6	328.4●	+12.3	0.10
Far East & Gen	167.3	178.0	+6.7	0.10
European Fund	261.8	278.6	+1.3	0.10
Germany Fund	65.1	69.3	-0.3	1.00
Intl Inc Fund	57.4	61.1	+1.2	4.10

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	86.7	92.2	-0.1	0.70
Australian Trust	37.2	39.6●	-0.4	0.10
British Tst Accum	84.8	90.0	+1.9	1.60
Do Dist	72.8	77.5	+1.6	1.60
Commodity Share	95.8	102.0	-0.2	1.00
European Trust	54.5	58.0	-0.1	0.50
Extra Income Trust	82.6	86.8●	+1.4	4.30
Far Eastern Trust	150.9	158.8	+2.8	0.60
Fixed Interest Fund	27.5	29.3●	-0.1	8.92
Frontier Mkts	25.4	26.8	+0.2	0.29
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.7	26.2●	+0.1	9.04
Global Fund Accum	200.6	213.5	+1.5	0.41
Do Dist	190.7	202.9	+1.5	0.41
Gold Share Trust	26.6	28.5	-0.2	0.55
Hedged American	37.2	39.6	-0.2	0.50
High Income Trust	30.3	32.2s	+0.4	4.76
Hong Kong Trust	37.8	40.3	+0.7	1.00
Income Fund	104.8	111.5	+2.1	2.68
Japan Trust	142.5	151.5	+2.3	0.00
Managed Exempt	322.1	335.6●	+5.7	1.83
Oil & Energy Trust	45.3	48.2	+0.8	2.50
Special Sits Trust	143.6	152.8	+3.4	0.71
UK Smlr C's Rec Tst	108.6	115.8	+2.7	0.50
Cheltenham UK	27.8	29.2	+0.7	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Growth	100.3	106.6	+1.1	0.98
American Growth	71.5	76.0	+0.3	2.66
American Inc	73.4	78.0	+0.4	5.97
European Growth	230.5	245.5	+0.7	0.23
Gold & Minerals	76.5	81.3	-0.5	0.42
Japan Growth	55.8	59.6s	+0.7	..
Pacific Inc	85.9	91.3	+0.7	3.75
Pacific Strategy	52.9	56.2	+0.8	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	78.0	82.9	+1.6	3.72
UK Special Opps	172.0	182.9	+6.1	0.04

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9803

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed Int	125.5	130.4	-0.4	8.62
Growth Equity	267.4	283.0c	+6.5	1.59
Guardhill	355.7	368.5	+11.3	2.18
N American	152.7	161.6●	+0.3	0.86
Pacific	328.4	347.6●	+2.3	0.00
Property Share	396.3	419.4	+3.9	0.95
Smaller Companies	293.7	310.8●	+5.8	1.25
European Trust	274.3	290.3	-1.4	1.90

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ.
01-623 9333

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
High Income	71.8	76.4●	+2.8	4.70
N Amer Trust	116.4	123.9●	+0.9	0.72
Recovery	307.8	327.5●	+8.9	2.40
Gilt Trust	40.4	41.9●	-0.2	8.62
St Vincent Inc	108.5	112.9	+1.4	4.56
St Vincent US Gth	73.0	76.1	+0.4	0.78
Temple Bar Sm Co's	246.4	259.2	..	2.80
Euro Gth Tst	47.5	50.7	+0.1	0.80

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217916

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Smlr Co's	185.2	198.5	+2.9	1.32
Hambros N Amer	67.5	71.6c	+0.2	0.91

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Jap & F E	155.4	164.3●	+2.2	0.35
Hambros Scandvn	81.6	86.8	+0.5	0.88
Hambros European	103.0	109.3●	+0.1	0.84
Hambros Canadian	57.2	60.7	+1.1	1.07
Hambros Equity Inc	112.2	119.0●	+2.5	4.19
Hambros High Inc	84.0	89.1	+1.4	4.51
Hambros Res Assts	75.5	80.3	+1.4	2.27
Hambros Intl Sits	69.9	74.2	+1.2	0.87

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 217238

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Recovery Tst	113.0	120.2●	+0.3	2.03
Amer Smaller Co's	52.5	55.9●	+0.3	0.01
Australian	110.2	117.2●	+1.0	1.04
Capital Growth Inc	75.9	80.8	+2.1	1.37
Do Accum	88.5	94.3	+2.4	1.37
European	265.8	284.1●	+0.8	0.85
Euro Inc Tst	48.3	51.4	+1.4	4.14
Euro Smaller Co's	110.9	118.6	-0.3	0.16
Extra Income	242.8	259.7	+4.8	3.40
Financial Trust	202.7	215.6c	+6.1	1.93
Fixed Interest Tst	55.7	59.0	+0.2	9.08
Gilt Trust	44.1	45.7●	-0.2	8.17
Global Healthcare	83.9	89.4	..	0.01
Global Inc&Gth	66.6	70.8	+0.9	4.30
Global Resources	134.1	143.4	+1.1	0.03
Global Tech	122.3	130.2	+0.4	0.01
Gold	97.0	103.7	+0.4	1.83
High Income Tst	253.8	271.4●	+4.6	3.57
Hong Kong	69.7	74.1	+1.4	0.32
Income & Growth Inc	198.3	211.0	+4.0	2.47
Do Accum	393.4	418.5	+7.9	2.47
Income Assets	144.6	154.5	+5.7	3.21
International	200.7	213.5●	+3.0	1.70
Japan Special Sits	226.9	242.7	+0.5	0.01
Japan Tst	210.9	225.6	+0.2	0.01
North American	150.3	159.9	+0.5	0.43
Pacific Smaller Co's	87.7	93.3●	+1.0	1.06
Pref & Gilt	50.9	54.2	+0.2	8.90
Recovery Tst	153.5	163.3	+3.5	1.59
Singapore & Malay	40.2	42.8	+0.6	1.29
Smaller Co's Div	164.8	175.3●	+2.8	3.90
Special Sits Inc	184.0	196.6	+3.9	0.83
Do Accum	262.1	279.1	+5.6	0.83
Worldwide	494.4	520.4	..	2.66
Euro Exempt	129.2	138.0●	+0.1	1.34
Global Tech Exempt	96.0	101.0	..	0.01
High Income Exempt	166.6	175.4	+3.6	4.16
Japan Exempt	210.0	221.0	+0.2	0.63
N Amer Exempt	91.6	96.4c	-0.2	1.83
Pacific Exempt	198.5	208.9●	+2.9	1.38
Smaller Co's Exempt	177.2	186.5	+3.0	2.03
Best of British	45.0	47.9	+1.2	2.08
Spirit Of The East	50.0		..	..

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
01-686 4355 01-628 8011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
British Trust Units	690.8	730.7	..	2.76
Capital Trust Units	128.9	132.6	+4.0	2.15
Dollar Trust Units	190.6	201.7●	+0.2	1.34
European Trust	148.3	157.0	+0.5	0.96
Far East Trust	164.7	183.8	+1.5	1.72
Financial Trust	455.3	481.8●	+7.0	2.09
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	29.3	30.5	..	8.51
Do Growth	40.0	42.5	..	8.00
High Yield Trust	87.7	92.9	+2.0	3.86
Income Trust	108.5	114.9●	+2.1	3.56
International	142.7	151.1	+1.0	1.72
Japan Tech Tst	35.5	37.8	..	0.00
Natural Resources	53.1	56.2●	-1.4	1.25
Security Trust	254.8	269.7	+6.4	2.48
Smaller Cos	130.0	137.6●	+1.7	1.36
Special Sits	130.4	139.0	+2.2	1.96
US Smaller Cos	25.7	27.3	+0.2	0.92

IBI FUND MANAGERS
32, Queen Annes Gate, London SW1H 9AB
01-222 1000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
IBI Brit & Overs	159.4	182.4●	+0.8	1.56
IBI Inc Plus	74.2	78.6●	+1.2	3.97
IBI Cap Gth	73.5	77.8●	..	3.00
Inv Tst Fnd	88.4	93.6●	+1.5	2.89

KEY FUND MANAGERS
66, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ
0303 64779

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity & Gen	81.4	85.5	+1.2	1.39
Gilt & Fixed Int Fund	67.7	72.1	..	9.92
Higher Inc	150.0	160.4	+1.7	3.75
Income	71.1	75.9	+0.9	4.14
International	63.6	68.1s	-0.3	1.03

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex.
Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 234634

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Distribution	369.0	390.9	+10.0	1.97
Do Accum	571.6	608.1	+16.0	1.97
Do Income	80.7	85.9	+1.7	3.80
European	77.1	82.0	+0.1	1.57
Far Eastern	147.7	157.1	+1.0	0.01
Gilt Trust	83.9	88.8●	-0.4	8.89
O'seas Equity	94.0	100.0	+0.6	1.11
Natural Res	106.8	113.6	+0.2	1.35
N American Trust	86.8	92.3	+0.3	1.43
UK Special Sits	92.9	98.8	+1.9	1.27
International Bond	46.9	49.9	+0.1	4.19
Japanese Tst	67.4	71.7	+0.3	0.01
Managed Tst	54.6	58.1●	+0.3	1.17

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex
0634 405161

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Balanced	236.7	251.8	+5.6	2.38
Do Accum	430.9	458.4	+10.3	2.38
Contl Euro Gth Inc	45.7	48.6	+0.3	0.71
Do Accum	45.7	48.6	+0.3	0.71
Energy Intl	65.5	69.6	+1.2	1.87
Do Accum	74.0	78.7	+1.4	1.87
Extra Income	205.9	219.0c	+2.4	4.00
Do Accum	377.5	401.5	+4.3	4.00
German Gth Inc	64.9	69.0●	-0.3	0.40
Do Accum	65.1	69.2	-0.3	0.40
Income	356.7	379.5●	+8.4	3.42
Do Accum	726.6	773.0	+17.1	3.42
Intl Tech	225.2	240.8●	+3.1	0.07
Do Accum	236.7	251.8	+3.3	0.07
Japan Growth	108.8	115.7●	+0.6	0.01
Do Accum	109.1	116.0●	+0.9	0.01
N Amer & Gen	115.1	122.4	+0.4	0.74
Do Accum	124.7	132.6	+0.4	0.74
Pacific Basin	172.2	183.1	+1.5	0.02
Do Accum	180.1	191.5	+1.6	0.02
Smaller Cos & Rec	276.9	294.5	+4.7	1.51
Do Accum	314.4	334.4	+5.3	1.51
Worldwide Growth	230.4	245.1	+4.9	0.34
Do Accum	324.5	345.2	+2.6	0.34
UK Growth Fund	63.2	67.3	+2.3	1.39

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 215347

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
General Trust	57.9	61.5●	+1.7	2.80
Income Trust	49.9	53.0	+1.1	4.70
International Trust	40.6	43.2	+0.1	0.60
American	34.9	37.1	..	0.30
Japan	58.2	61.8	+0.5	0.00
Trust of Inv	37.2	39.5●	+0.7	1.80

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer & Gen Inc	221.4	235.8	+0.2	1.09
Do Accum	260.0	276.9	+0.3	1.09
Amer Recovery	252.8	269.2●	+2.9	0.18
Do Accum	277.1	295.1	+3.1	0.18
Am Smaller Co Acc	57.7	61.5	+0.5	0.05
Australia Acc	189.2	200.6	-3.0	0.27
Commodity Acc	337.9	358.5	+1.8	1.83
Compound Growth	540.5	570.2●	+6.1	2.81
Conversion Growth	423.9	449.3	+4.7	2.24
Do Inc	249.2	262.9	+2.5	4.42
Dividend Fund Inc	538.0	568.6	+0.8	3.93
Do Accum	£16.36	17.26	+0.25	3.93
European Acc	295.2	312.9	-0.7	1.05
Extra Yield Inc	304.5	321.2	+5.6	3.98
Do Accum	679.7	717.1	+12.5	3.98
Far Eastern Inc	181.0	191.0	+2.4	1.02
Do Accum	222.5	234.7	+3.1	1.02
Fund Of Inv Inc	311.1	328.2●	+1.0	2.18
Do Acc	498.0	525.4c	+5.4	2.18
General Income	527.1	572.8	+10.6	2.99
Do Accum	£17.79	18.77	+0.22	2.99
Gilt & Fixed Int	63.6	65.8●	-0.6	8.50
Do Accum	103.2	108.4	+0.6	8.50
Gold Income	71.4	75.3	-0.4	1.30
Do Accum	76.8	81.0	-0.4	1.30
High Income Inc	421.2	448.6	+5.3	4.17
Do Accum	£11.60	12.35	+0.14	4.17
Intl Growth Inc	848.4	905.6	+4.2	1.24
Do Accum	£13.70	14.66	+0.06	1.24
Intl Inc	66.3	69.9●	+0.2	4.20
Japan Acc	965.6	1018.7c	-0.2	0.00
Japan Smaller Acc	90.4	95.4●	+0.2	0.00
Midland & Gen Inc	803.9	848.1●	+9.7	3.00
Do Accum	£20.56	21.69	+0.26	3.00
Recovery Fund Inc	532.1	561.4	+8.3	2.45
Do Accum	697.1	735.4	+11.0	2.45
Second Gen Inc	924.8	975.7	+8.6	2.99
Do Accum	£18.52	19.54	+0.17	2.99
Smaller Cos Inc	937.8	989.4	+5.0	2.01
Do Accum	£14.93	15.76	+0.07	2.01
Trustee Fund Inc	586.7	624.0●	+5.6	3.43
Charibond Inc (3)	115.4	●	..	9.87
Charifund Inc (2)	517.7	522.9●	..	4.58
Pension Exempt (1)	607.1	631.4●	+11.2	3.30
NAACIF Inc (3)	44.5	●	..	7.58
Do Accum (3)	585.0	●	..	7.58

MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
74/78, Finsbury Pavement, London EC2A 1JD
01-588 2777 Dealing:01-638 0478/9

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Specialist Trusts				
Growth Gilt	83.9	84.9	+0.2	0.39
Smaller Co's	205.5	219.2	+3.5	0.63
Special Features	128.8	135.2●	+3.0	0.78
Do Accum	132.9	141.8●	+3.0	0.78
General Funds				
UK Growth	49.5	52.8●	+1.4	1.54
Assets&Earn Dist	60.3	64.3	+0.9	1.94
Do Accum	60.3	64.3	+0.9	1.94
Managed Inv	63.8	68.1	+0.6	1.34
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	72.2	77.0	+1.2	5.61
Gilt	28.0	29.6	-0.1	8.16
Inc & Growth	269.0	286.9●	+5.2	3.27
Net High Inc	251.2	267.9●	+1.4	3.73
Pref Shares	19.1	20.4c	-0.1	9.11
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commodity	212.0	226.1●	+0.9	0.51
Financial Secs	56.7	60.5	+0.6	0.87
Gold	92.3	99.5c	-1.1	0.00
Do Accum	95.6	103.1c	-1.1	0.00
Int Leisure	15.4	16.4	+0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	91.1	97.2	+1.4	0.00
Univ Energy	57.8	60.8	+2.2	0.61
World Tech	46.9	50.0	+0.6	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	112.3	117.8●	+2.3	2.97
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	101.1	107.8	+0.9	0.91
Aust Growth	100.5	107.2	-0.5	0.58
European Perf	89.3	95.2	..	0.98
Do Accum	89.5	95.5	..	0.98
Euro Smaller	16.6	17.7	..	1.10
Far East	69.2	73.8	+1.0	0.06
French Growth	48.8	52.0	-0.1	0.72
Hong Kong	34.4	36.7	+0.8	1.05
Intl Growth	41.8	44.8●	+0.2	0.91
Intl Recovery	117.9	125.8●	+0.7	0.42
Japan Perf	93.1	99.3	+0.4	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	17.1	18.2	..	0.00
US Small Co	66.5	70.9	+0.6	0.00
Do Accum	67.2	71.7	+0.7	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl High Inc	59.2	63.1●	+0.5	3.58
US Income	56.5	60.3	+0.4	4.38
Do Accum	62.8	67.0	+0.3	4.37
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	70.7	72.5●	-0.1	8.67

MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX
0622 674751

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
MLA American	27.4	29.0	+0.2	0.86
MLA Emerging	24.0	25.4	+0.2	0.70
MLA General	43.8	46.4	+1.0	1.61
MLA International	63.1	66.8●	+0.7	0.79
MLA Gilt Unit	28.2	29.9●	-0.1	9.66
MLA Income	58.0	61.4●	+1.3	3.66
MLA European	34.3	36.3	-0.1	0.88

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33, King William St, EC4R 9AS
01-280 2860

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Growth	104.9	110.0●		2.50
Do Accum	110.0	115.3●		2.50
Amer Income	51.1	54.0		5.24
Do Accum	55.3	58.5●		5.24
European Growth	140.0	148.8		0.58
Do Accum	144.9	154.1		0.58
General	335.9	355.4		2.01
Do Accum	557.8	590.2		2.01
Gilt & Fixed	93.5	93.9	..	6.99
Do Accum	108.8	109.3	..	6.99
Income	110.9	117.3	..	4.28
Do Accum	125.5	133.8	..	4.28
International	291.6	308.5	..	1.22
Do Accum	362.9	384.0	..	1.22
Japan	228.5	243.0	..	0.58
Do Accum	234.6	249.5	..	0.58
Recovery	270.9	286.6●	..	2.48
Do Accum	294.5	311.6●	..	2.48
Exempt Dist	318.6	328.7	..	2.51
Do Accum	498.0	511.7	..	2.51
Euro Fund Inc	80.6	85.7	..	3.43
Do Accum	82.9	88.1	..	3.43
Amer Smlr Dist	47.9	50.8	.	0.50
Do Acc	47.9	50.8	..	0.50
Br Blue Chip Dist	49.2	52.0	..	0.10
Do Acc	49.2	52.0	..	0.10
Global Dist	49.3	52.1	..	0.10
Do Acc	49.3	52.1	..	0.10
High Inc Dist	48.6	51.4	..	0.10
Do Acc	48.6	51.4		0.10
High Int Dist	48.2	50.9		0.10
Do Acc	48.2	50.9		0.10
Pacific Dist	48.6	51.4		0.10
Do Acc	48.6	51.4		0.10
UK Smlr Dist	48.1	50.8	.	0.10
Do Acc	48.1	50.8		0.10

MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Head, Sheffield S1 3RD
0742 769842

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Income	111.7	118.5	+2.7	1.40
Do Accum	153.4	162.8	+3.7	1.40
Commodity & Gen	181.1	192.2●	-0.3	1.40
Do Accum	258.5	274.3●	-0.4	1.40
Extra High Inc	70.5	74.7●	+0.3	6.83
Do Accum	85.5	90.7●	+0.3	6.83
Gilt & Fixed Inc	57.4	59.9	-0.2	8.25
Do Accum	98.5	102.9	-0.4	8.25
High Yield	201.2	213.4●	+2.6	4.50
Do Accum	355.8	377.5●	+4.6	4.50
Income	228.9	242.8	+3.8	2.86
Do Accum	383.7	407.1	+6.4	2.86
Int High St Dist	53.6	57.0	+1.4	1.75
Do Accum	53.6	57.0	+1.4	1.75
Japan & Pacific	380.4	403.6	+3.3	0.18
Do Accum	399.6	424.0	+3.5	0.18
N American Inc	119.8	127.1c	+0.5	1.39
Do Accum	144.1	152.9c	+0.6	1.39
Euro Gth Inc	129.4	137.2c	..	1.08
Do Accum	155.7	165.2c	..	1.08
Managed Portfolio	64.3	68.0	+0.8	2.67
Smaller Cos Inc	168.8	179.0	+1.7	1.39
Do Accum	181.4	192.5	+1.9	1.39

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
163, Hope Street, Glasgow G2 2UH
041 221 9252

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American	116.2	124.0	+0.1	3.43
European	259.8	277.3	+0.1	2.87
Far Eastern	102.7	109.6	+2.3	0.22
Olympiad	50.5	53.9	..	0.95
Smaller Cos	305.1	325.7●	+1.3	0.76

NATIONAL PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGERS
48, Gracechurch St, EC3P 3HH
01-623 4200 Ext 289

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
NPI UK	263.2	280.0●	..	2.40
Do Accum	433.3	461.0●	..	2.40
NPI Overseas	635.6	676.2	..	1.30
Do Accum	781.2	831.1	..	1.30
Far East Acc	111.2	118.3	..	0.10
American Acc	63.9	68.0	..	1.30
European Acc	58.6	62.4●	..	0.80
Worldwide Acc	62.1	66.1●	..	1.70

N M SCHRODER
Enterprise House, Portsmouth
0705 827733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Acc	143.7	152.9●	..	0.72
Australia Acc	123.4	131.9	+0.4	0.70
European Inc	125.6	133.6●	+0.5	1.00
Do Accum	129.6	137.8●	+0.4	1.00
Extra Inc	79.0	84.0●	+0.9	5.89
Far East Gth Accum	75.7	80.5	+0.9	0.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	58.2	61.3	-0.3	7.85
Gold Fund Inc	67.6	71.9●	-0.2	1.18
Do Accum	71.6	76.1●	-0.2	1.18
Income Inc	234.1	249.0	+4.0	3.73
Do Accum	532.2	566.1	+9.1	3.73
Intl Income	131.3	139.6●	+0.9	0.40
Do Accum	181.9	193.5●	+1.1	0.40
Jap Smlr Co's Ac	134.5	143.0	+0.5	0.00
Sing & Malay Acc	82.7	87.9c	+1.8	0.65
Smaller Co Inc Acc	182.1	193.7	+3.0	0.87
Special Sits Inc	153.6	163.4●	+3.5	0.79
Do Accum	160.9	171.1●	+3.8	0.79
Tokyo Fund Inc	265.7	282.6	+3.3	0.00
Do Accum	268.6	285.7	+3.3	0.00
US Smaller Co's Ac	53.4	56.8	+0.5	0.00
UK Equity Inc	136.8	145.5	+2.9	2.32
Do Accum	214.0	227.6	+4.6	2.32

OPPENHEIMER TRUST MANAGEMENT
66, Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE
dealings 01-236 3885/6/7/8/9/0

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International Growth	160.7	170.9	+2.3	0.06
Income & Growth	79.2	84.2	+0.8	2.53
Worldwide Rec	114.4	121.7	+1.7	1.00
American Growth	33.4	35.4	+0.6	..
Japan Growth	68.9	73.0●	+1.0	0.00
European Growth	70.3	74.5	+0.1	0.90
UK Growth	75.8	80.6	+1.1	0.50
Pacific Growth	57.6	61.3	+0.1	0.12
High Income	41.0	43.6	+0.1	5.72
Practical Income	74.4	79.1	+1.0	2.15
Do Accum	137.0	145.8	+1.9	2.15

PEARL TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
252, High Holborn, WC1V 7EB
01-405 8441

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund Inc	112.7	119.9●	+1.6	1.96
Do Accum	171.6	182.5●	+2.4	1.96
Income Fund	160.9	171.2●	+2.4	2.97
Intl Equity Inc	150.8	160.4	+1.2	1.31
Do Accum	152.1	161.8	+1.2	1.31
Unit Trust Inc	165.2	175.7	+3.1	2.31
Do Accum	289.2	307.7	+5.4	2.31

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames
0491 576868

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Intl Growth	310.4	331.3	+2.3	0.96
Income	242.8	258.6●	+3.8	3.47
Worldwide Rec	169.5	180.9	+0.2	1.62
Amer Growth	73.3	78.3	+0.4	0.88
Intl Emerg Co's	95.5	102.0●	+0.2	0.66
Far East Growth	103.9	111.0	+1.0	0.70
European Gth	64.1	68.5	+0.4	1.04

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
222, Bishopsgate, London EC2
01-247 7544/7

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
International	150.7	160.4●	+3.3	0.21
High Income	84.2	89.7●	+1.3	3.02
Conv & Gilt	121.8	122.6●	+0.9	4.47
Far Eastern	216.6	231.7●	+2.1	0.00
North American	130.2	139.3●	+1.9	0.00
Special Sits	102.5	109.1	+2.1	0.70
Technology	145.0	155.1	+2.1	0.00
Extra Income	124.3	132.3●	+2.2	3.26
Euro Gth & Inc	52.1	55.5	+1.1	2.45

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
51-69, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL
01-478 3377

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Holborn Equity	524.1	554.5●	..	2.42
European	113.1	119.6c	..	0.61
Holborn Comms	68.7	72.6	..	0.42
Holborn High Inc	79.8	84.4●	..	5.11
Holborn Intl	114.1	120.7	..	0.72
Japanese	128.2	135.6	..	0.04
N American	88.1	93.2●	.	0.52
Holborn Spec Sits	88.5	93.6	..	1.58
Holborn UK Growth	104.9	110.9	.	1.69
Holborn Gilt Trust	214.9	223.7●		2.20
Holborn Smlr Cos	67.1	71.0●		1.64
Holborn Eqty Inc	62.4	66.2●		3.90

NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED
St Swithins Lane, London EC4P 4DU
01-280 5456

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
NC Income	114.9	122.2●	+2.9	3.32
NC Japan	216.8	230.6	-0.1	..
NC Major UK Co	66.6	70.8	+1.4	1.84
NC Smaller Aus	80.3	85.4	+2.1	0.88
NC American Inc	311.0	330.8	+2.2	0.87
Do Accum	339.6	361.2	+2.4	0.87
NC Smaller Cos	195.9	208.4	+2.9	1.28
NC Smlr Canda Inc	50.0		..	1.00
NC Smlr Europ Co's	197.9	210.5	+0.2	0.49

ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
0733-230000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Trust	79.7	84.3●	+2.0	2.28
Intl Trust	86.5	91.5	+0.8	1.24
Gilt Trust	28.2	29.6	-0.1	7.74
US Trust	35.9	37.9	+0.2	1.40
Pacific Basin Tst	55.4	58.6	+0.3	0.23

20 Clifton St, London EC2
01-920 0311

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Dist	165.5	175.2	+2.2	1.29
Do Accum	233.8	247.5	+3.0	1.29
High Income Trust	116.8	123.7●	+1.6	3.30
Do Accum	139.9	148.1●	+1.9	3.30
US Growth	61.6	65.2	..	1.08
Do Accum	63.1	66.8	..	1.08

ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT
(formerly Arbuthnot Securities Ltd) 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT
07-638 2433 Unit Dealing 01-638 2531

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Capital Growth Inc	80.8	86.6	+1.5	1.14
Do Accum	92.6	99.5	+1.7	1.14
Ryl Tst Pacific Basin	175.6	188.8	+3.9	0.29
Do 8% Withdrawal	89.1	95.7	+2.0	0.29
Finance & Property	100.8	108.3	+1.7	2.58
Ryl Tst Fixed & Conv	54.6	58.7●	+0.3	5.86
Do Accum	98.3	103.5●	+0.5	5.86
Equity Income	106.3	114.2	+1.8	3.41
Do Accum	255.2	274.4	+4.1	3.41
High Yield Income	99.8	107.3	+0.8	5.42
Do Accum	272.7	293.2	+1.9	5.42
Intl Income	92.2	99.1	+0.3	1.07
Do Accum	94.6	101.7	+0.3	1.07
Do 5% Withdrawal	85.5		-2.9	1.07
Managed Fund	66.1	69.8	+0.2	
Preference Income	31.7	34.0●	+0.1	8.75
Do Accum	107.5	115.5●	+0.3	8.75
Ryl Tst Smlr Co's	101.1	108.7●	+1.7	0.83
Portfolio Tst UK	104.6	108.3	+1.3	1.05
Portfolio Tst Japan	125.0	129.5	+0.9	0.00
Portfolio Tst US	74.5	77.1	+1.7	1.03

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Portfolio Tst Europe	116.1	120.3	-0.9	0.10
Portfolio Tst HK	50.9	52.7	+0.8	0.10
Commodities	56.0	58.0	+0.6	0.10
Singapore	51.0	52.8	+0.4	0.10
Gold	66.4	68.8	+0.4	0.10
Canada	52.5	54.4	+0.8	0.10

SAVE & PROSPER
28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
(Romford) 0708-66966

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Inc & Growth	64.1	68.1●	+0.2	7.28
Capital Units	123.8	131.7	+0.8	1.07
Commodity	84.9	90.3	+1.0	0.21
European Growth	122.2	130.0	+0.2	1.31
Financial Secs	118.3	125.8	+1.8	2.03
High Return Units	247.4	263.1	+3.2	3.43
High Yield Units	218.9	232.8●	+4.1	3.46
Income Units	121.5	129.2	+1.8	4.62
Investment Trust	111.4	118.5●	+2.5	2.13
Japan Growth	120.1	127.7	+1.3	0.00
Japan Smaller Cos	125.6	133.5	+1.1	0.00
Masterfund	36.4	38.7	+0.5	2.28
Scotbits	163.6	174.0	+2.8	2.42
Scotshares	199.5	212.2	+2.0	2.42
Scotyields	206.6	219.7	+4.5	3.51
Select International	99.3	105.6●	+1.0	1.35
Smaller Co's Inc	223.0	237.2●	+3.0	3.35
Special Situations	143.3	152.4	+3.1	1.05
UK Equity	241.6	257.0	+5.6	2.36
US Growth	76.0	80.8	+0.1	1.27

SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT
8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ
01-588 6993/4/5

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity Inc	35.0	36.9	+0.5	4.32
Do Acc	36.0	37.9	+0.5	..
Euro Tst Inc	26.6	28.4	-0.2	0.16
Do Acc	26.9	28.6	-0.1	..
Global Gth Inc	33.1	35.3●	-0.1	0.30
Do Acc	33.1	35.3●	-0.1	..
Managed Exempt	150.8	157.1	..	1.97
Pacific Basin	29.3	31.2	..	..

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh
031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	242.6	258.7●	+6.3	1.35
American	155.0	165.8●	+1.5	1.24
Pacific	254.0	271.7●	+2.4	0.04
European	265.9	284.4●	+1.2	0.51

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS
109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041-248 6100

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Equity	230.5	245.3●	+5.0	2.01
Gilt & Fixed	127.7	135.9●	-0.1	7.48
UK Smlr Co's Eq	209.9	223.4●	+3.1	1.61
European	204.2	217.3●	+0.1	1.22
N American	126.8	134.9●	-1.6	1.38
Pacific	230.1	244.9●	+2.2	0.27

SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS
48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF
031-226 4372

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Pacific	86.7	92.1	+1.2	0.00
World Growth	44.5	47.3●	+0.4	0.84
N American	34.6	36.8	+0.2	0.04
Income Fund	59.8	63.5●	+1.0	3.49
European	45.8	48.7	..	1.38
N Amer Inc	27.5	29.2●	+0.2	3.07
UK Growth	39.6	42.1●	+1.0	1.50
Extra Inc	42.9	45.6●	+0.8	3.78

SENTINEL FUNDS MANAGEMENT
30, City Rd, London EC1Y 2AY
01-638 6011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Tech & Gen	118.3	126.0	+0.5	1.00
Pacific	253.5	270.0●	+2.0	0.00
Sec Income Fnd	223.8	238.3●	+2.7	4.54
Special Situations	314.8	335.1●	+2.7	1.49
Intl Growth	52.6	56.0	-0.1	0.16
American Majors	72.8	77.5	+0.2	1.26
Small Co's	62.3	66.4	+0.5	1.67
Japan Tech & Gen	138.3	147.3●	+1.6	0.00
International Income	65.3	69.5●	+1.3	5.63
Exempt	834.8	875.5●	+15.0	4.70
UK General	50.5	53.9c	+1.1	3.63
Euro Growth	43.8	46.6	+0.3	0.00
Euro Income	57.3	61.0c	+0.5	2.50

SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT
Enterprise House Portsmouth
0705 827733

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
O'Seas Smaller Co's				
Pensions & Charities	742.1	788.4	.	3.00
Recovery	991.7	1055.0	..	2.48
UK Small Co's Ex Fd	104.1	110.7	..	1.46

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Managed Acc	29.7	31.6	+0.4	1.74
Equity Growth Acc	34.2	36.4	+0.8	2.09
Equity High Inc	32.3	34.4●	+0.3	3.86
Equity General Acc	36.8	39.1●	+0.8	2.13
Do Income	32.4	34.5●	+0.7	2.13
Gilt Fixed Int Inc	27.3	28.8●	-0.1	7.92
North American Acc	27.6	29.4	..	0.90
Far East Acc	42.8	45.6	+0.3	0.00
European Acc	27.9	29.7	-0.1	1.34

STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031-226 3271

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Fund	219.6	234.6	+0.3	1.01
Do Accum	248.1	265.1	+0.3	..
Do Withdrawal	146.4	156.5	+0.2	..
Australian Fund	183.4	195.4●	-1.3	0.43
Do Accum	186.5	189.7●	-5.8	..
British Fund	834.0	888.3	+11.4	3.67
Do Accum	£11.54	12.29	+0.16	..
European Fund	330.1	351.6	+1.1	0.40
Do Accum	348.3	371.0	+1.2	..
Saints PPP	198.0	207.9	..	..

SUN ALLIANCE
Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex
0403 56293

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Equity Trust Acc	523.3	553.7	+13.7	2.19
N Am Trust Acc	59.5	63.3	-0.6	0.87
Far East Trust Acc	110.8	117.9	+0.6	0.00
Worldwide Bond	48.9	52.3	+0.3	6.59
European	55.7	59.2	+0.1	1.92
Equity Inc Tst	68.1	72.6	+1.4	3.77

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
2,3,4, Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5BH
Dealing no:01-930 2602

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
UK Income	34.7	36.9	+1.0	3.00
Do Growth	32.4	35.0	+0.6	1.46
Worldwide	24.1	25.6	..	1.46

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE
0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Inc	124.8	132.7	+0.7	0.68
Do Accum	131.1	139.4	+0.7	0.68
Br Gth Inc	64.5	68.8●	+2.0	2.10
Do Accum	65.3	69.4●	+2.0	2.10
European Inc	57.5	61.1	+0.3	0.87
Do Accum	58.1	61.8	+0.4	0.87
Extra Income Inc	154.4	164.2	+3.1	4.09
Do Accum	187.9	199.8	+3.8	4.09
General Unit Inc	205.6	218.7	+5.3	2.28
Do Accum	342.3	364.1	+8.9	2.28
Gilt & Fixed Inc	51.4	53.5●	-0.2	8.22
Do Accum	71.6	74.5●	-0.2	8.22
Income	290.7	309.2	+8.5	3.39
Accum	461.2	490.6	+10.4	3.39
Pacific Inc	228.1	242.8	+2.8	0.01
Do Accum	235.5	250.5	+2.8	0.01
Intl Inc	371.9	395.6●	+3.3	0.87
Do Accum	463.7	493.2●	+4.2	0.87
Selected Opps Inc	86.8	92.3	+1.7	1.43
Do Accum	96.5	102.6	+1.9	1.43
Natural Res	81.3	86.4●	+1.0	1.07
Do Accum	84.7	90.1●	+1.0	1.07

TARGET TRUST MANAGERS
Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks
(0296) 394000

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Amer Eagle	69.9	74.1	+0.5	1.11
Australian	32.4	34.3	-0.2	0.10
Commodity	108.4	115.1	+0.7	0.78
Equity	167.0	177.6	+2.7	2.77
European Spec Sits	116.6	123.9	+1.9	0.86
Convertible Fund	154.8	164.4●	+3.9	5.32
Financial	34.4	36.6s	+0.8	1.72
Gold Income	118.3	125.0●	..	0.40
Do Accum	218.7	232.3●	..	0.40
Income	117.5	124.8	+1.6	3.23
Japan	129.6	137.3	-0.1	0.10
Pacific Inc	135.0	142.8	+1.9	0.74
Do Reinvest	165.7	175.3	+2.0	0.74
Prof Share Fd	19.2	20.4●	..	8.56
UK Capital	104.3	110.8	+1.4	1.10
Special Sits	132.8	140.8	+1.0	0.44
Technology	52.7	55.9	+0.4	0.10
World Income	69.0	73.4●	+0.3	3.25

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Park House 16 Finsbury Circus London EC2M 7DJ
01-374 4555

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Euro Opp	46.7	49.6	..	1.00
Far E Gen Dist	77.9	82.8	+0.9	0.59
Do Acc	78.1	83.1	+0.9	0.59
Golden Opp Acc	62.7	66.6	+0.2	0.75
Do Dist	62.7	66.6	+0.2	0.75
Japan & Gen	55.1	58.6●	+0.5	0.84
N Amer Gen	50.3	53.5	+0.1	0.98
Do Acc	50.0	53.1	..	0.98
Oriental Inc	27.0	28.7	+0.3	2.70
Pacific Tech Dist	59.3	63.0●	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	59.3	63.0●	+0.1	0.00
Tiger	84.2	89.5●	+1.3	0.59
UK & Gen	69.1	73.5	+2.7	1.38
Do Acc	67.7	72.0	+2.7	1.38

3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA
01 920-3356

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Smaller Co's	74.5	79.2●	+3.3	0.09

TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT
01-248 1250

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Growth	44.5	47.3	+0.1	0.65
Euro Spec Sit Inc	25.1	26.6	+0.1	0.46
Do Accum	25.1	26.6	+0.1	0.46
General Growth	71.2	75.7	+1.6	1.38
Global Tech	59.6	63.4●	+0.5	0.19
Income Growth	83.1	88.4	+1.5	3.90
Income Monthly	59.9	63.7●	+0.7	5.97
Japan Growth	66.8	71.1	+0.6	0.14
Man Equity Inc	30.6	32.4	+0.8	2.25
Do Accum	30.6	32.4	+0.8	2.25
O'seas Growth	57.2	60.8●	+0.3	0.66
Smaller Cos	91.1	96.9●	+1.3	1.84
Special Opp	112.4	118.6	+1.7	1.58

VANGUARD TRUST
65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU
General Enquiries 01-236 3053 Dealing Line 01-236 2468

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Inc	237.2	252.3	+0.8	1.38
Do Accum	352.4	374.8	+1.7	1.38
High Yield	279.2	297.0	+1.4	4.08
Do Accum	289.9	308.4	+1.5	4.08
Special Sits	57.0	60.6	+0.6	1.44
Do Accum	58.0	61.7	+0.6	1.44
Trustee	175.3	186.4	+0.8	2.81
Do Accum	274.3	291.8	+1.9	2.81
Amer & Gen	62.5	66.5	-0.4	1.42
Do Accum	63.2	67.2	-0.5	1.42
Master Portfolio	£72.97	74.84●	+1.13	2.14
Do Accum	£74.05	75.95●	+1.15	2.14
Abing Rdtn Asts (6)	156.2	173.8	..	1.63
Do Accum	157.9	175.7	..	1.63
Far East & Gen Inc	60.4	64.2●	-1.0	0.00
Do Accum	60.4	64.2●	-1.0	0.00
Euro Fund Inc	46.1	49.0	-0.6	1.30
Do Acc	46.1	49.0	-0.6	1.30

WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Wardley House, 7, Devonshire Sq, London EC2
01-929 1532

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
American Trust	69.8	73.6	+0.3	1.40
Pacific Perform	141.8	149.9	+1.3	0.30
Intl Growth	96.5	102.2	+0.7	0.40
Income Trust	114.8	122.8●	+1.5	4.30
Japan Growth	178.0	190.4	..	0.10
Small Companies	139.4	141.1	-4.0	1.90
Technology	44.4	47.4●	+0.7	0.10
Australia	61.0	65.3	+0.4	1.40
UK Trust	181.9	192.5c	+4.9	1.80
European Growth	56.9	60.2	-0.5	0.10
Hong Kong	31.4	33.3●	+0.8	1.40

WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT
13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ
031-225 1551

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Australian Gold	56.0	59.5	-0.5	0.15
Pacific Basin	28.8	30.6●	+0.4	1.70
Canadian Growth	63.6	67.6●	+0.5	0.00
Ginnie Me Fund	499.2	103.3	..	8.10

WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS
145 Borough High Street London SE1 1NU
01-626 6011

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Growth Fund	187.9	199.9●	..	1.33
Income Fund	97.9	104.1●	..	3.45

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey La EC2 8BT
01-606 9085/6

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Sht Dtd Gilt Fund	73.4	74.6●	+0.2	0.50
US Govt Bond Fd	451.9	52.2	+0.1	..
Challenger	51.5	51.8	..	2.00

WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD
01-405 8331

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Conv & Equity	65.8	70.0●	+0.7	6.54
Income	79.7	84.8	+2.0	3.37
Growth	83.5	88.9	+1.0	1.32

The prices in this section refer to Monday's trading

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
16½	11½	A & M Gp	14	15		0.6e	4.1	30.7
183	160	ASD	178	188	●+3	11.6	6.3	7.9
66	50	ATA Selection	52	56	●	2.1	3.9	22.3
300	139	Abbeycrest	135	145	s -141½	4.1	2.9	10.4
73	43	Aberdeen Stk Hse	62	67	+2	1.6	2.5	20.3
45	45	Access Satellite				4.4		
75	43	Acorn Comp	52	55	-1			50.5
25	17	Acsis Jewellery	20	22	+1			11.2
181	103	Airspring	155	160	+3	7.7	4.9	9.9
34½	28½	Amer Elec	30	31½	-½	1.2	3.9	19.1
441	297	Anglia Secure Hms	402	407	+2	2.2	0.5	48.5
144	112	Antler	132	136	●+2	4.1	3.1	13.7
473	353	App Holographics	426	430	-1	..	..	..
435	310	Do Wrnts	380	410				
54	24	Aran Energy	44	46				
225	145	Ashtead	215	225		4.1	1.9	22.7
423	318	Aspen Comms	412	422	●+2	5.1	1.2	35.7
167	113	Aspinall	163	165	-1	8.2	5.0	22.5
630	560	Asprey	610	640	+10	13.7	2.2	17.9
41	28	Assoc Energy	36	38				
183	160	ASD	178	188	●+3	11.6	6.3	7.9
271	151	Atlas Equipment	268	273	●+8	6.7	2.5	21.3
118	86	Automagic	111	116	+2	8.6	7.5	20.1
82	65	BBB Design	74	77	..	1.4	1.8	18.2
48	40	BCE	42½	44	..	1.4	3.2	14.5
335	200	BPP	330	340	..	7.7	2.3	24.8
87	70	BTS Grp	82	85	+2	5.5	6.5	9.9
145	126	Beaverco	135	140		4.7	3.4	11.0
148	95	Bedford (William)	138	133	+1	6.2	4.7	15.7
37½	22½	Bennett & Fountain	33	34	+½	0.7	2.1	28.2
90	50	Bensons Crisps	88	92				16.3
141	122	Berry,Birch & Noble	130	133	●	5.8	4.4	14.2
152	138	Beston&Battersea	140	145		1.9	1.3	19.8
27	18	Biomechanics	23	25	+2			
60	37½	Bipel	54	56	-1	1.7	3.1	11.9
136	108	Blanchards	112	116	-2	6.4	5.6	12.4
285	135	Blenheim Exhb	275	285	●-5	1.7	0.6	43.1
393	290	Bluebird Toys	390	395	+2	6.3	1.6	21.7
108	96	Bonded Laminates	95	100	+2	3.3	3.4	16.6
83	45	Border TV	60	63	+1	1.6	2.6	7.6
156	92	Borland	150	155	+5			
24	16	Brewmaker	18	20		1.1	5.8	42.2
190	103	Briest	168	178	-7	3.0	1.7	14.1
250	143	Br Bloodstock	145	155	+2	12.1	8.1	7.1
91	51	Br Island	85	88	●	2.7	3.1	11.8
64	41	Broad St	61	63	-2	1.6	2.6	25.3
675	336	Brookmount	660	690		4.8	0.7	38.6
313	199	Brown (Charles)	306	316	●	4.8n	1.5	21.3
265	214	Bryant (Derek)	255	265	-2	2.7	1.0	68.7
8	3	Bula Resources	6¼	7	-¼	..	..	..
221	203	Burford	212	217	-5	..	..	..
93	73	CCA Galleries	87	92	●+2	3.7	4.1	12.2
243	150	CML Micro	233	243		2.5	1.1	24.4
72½	36	CPU Comp	72	73	+4	●	..	43.4
200	140	Caledonian Off	190	200				
65	65	Camotech	63	66		2.9	4.5	13.3
289	181	Cannon Street Inv	285	288	●-2	5.5	1.9	20.4
72	64	Cap & Regional	65	68	+1	..	..	..
225	215	Castle Comm	220	230	+5	..	..	..
241	138	Chancery Secs	223	228	-2	4.5	2.0	25.1
384	155	Checkpoint Europe	374	393				33.7
235	148	Chelsea Man	225	235		2.2	1.0	37.8
20½	12½	Chem Methods	14	15½		3.0	20.0	
275	218	Cheshire W	228	233	+1	5.0	2.2	24.6
51½	20	Cifer	39	41	-1			
248	91	Citygrove	220	225		3.4	1.5	23.6
88	43	Cityvision	84	88	-2	..	..	..
16	680	Cityvision 7%	15½	16½	..	..	..	..
176	96	Circaprint	173	178	+10	1.8	1.0	24.8
193	140	Clarke Hooper	175	180		3.2	1.8	24.1
30½	11	Clogau Gold	25	28½	-½	..	..	..
122	70	Cluff Oil Hdgs	115	117	-1			
165	115	Coated Electrodes	150	160		5.3	3.4	16.0
75	50	Cobra Emerald	62	72				
256	163	Coling	225	230		3.7	1.6	23.2
42	29	Cologen Inc	30	33	r -1			
188	145	Colorgraphic	182	187	-1	4.1	2.2	21.8
165	155	Comp Financial	155	160	..	3.2	2.0	29.0
45	37	Compsoft	35	40				6.4
385	76	Consultants	375	385	●-3	2.7	0.7	23.9
82	40	Cons Tech Inv	78	82		7.1b	8.9	50.7
270	160	Cond Microwave	167	177	●	3.3	1.9	20.2
111	91	Cowells	105	110	●-2	4.1	3.8	13.5
585	63	Cramphorn	530	560		8.5	1.6	25.1
621	50	Cranbrook	53	58				14.8
110	86	Cranswick	100	105	-2	6.2	6.0	8.9
100	83	Craton Lodge	95	100	+5	3.0	3.1	15.0
235	188	Creighton Labs	185	195		5.1	2.7	23.2
85	51	Crown TV Prods	58	66		4.8	7.6	23.9
50	35	DBE Tech	33	37		●		32.4
158	93	DJ Sec Alarms	150	155	+3	2.1	1.4	12.5
58	41	Dawson	45	50	+2	1.4	2.9	8.4
236	198	Dawes (DY)	232	237		4.7	2.0	26.3
120	71	Dean & Bowes	108	113	-2	4.1	3.7	18.4
30	27	De Brett (Andre)	29½	30½	..	0.3e	1.0	15.0
330	131	Delfor	325	335	●	6.2	1.9	21.1
59	46	Delmar	58	59	+2	2.9	5.0	11.5
170	110	Dencora	148	153	●-2	3.4	2.3	18.6
135	80	Devenons Elec	120	130		5.3	4.2	9.7
288	66	Dewey Warren	282	288	-12			17.9
293	128	Dialene	270	290		4.1	1.5	15.3
488	433	Drack	425	440	●-5	6.3	1.5	20.7
38	23	Duplon	30	31	+½	0.6	2.0	35.5
113	47	Eadie	105	110	-5	4.1	3.8	14.5
135	109	Ealing Elect Optics	115	118	●	3.0	2.6	14.8
29	20	Ecoionic	19	20½	●	0.3e	1.5	14.9
300	283	Eden Ford	285	300	+2	11.0	3.7	12.0
38	29	Eam Oil & Gas	37	39	+2	●		95.0
412	376	Eldridge Pope 'A'	405	410	-2	9.6	2.4	18.5
168	118	Electron House	145	150	-1	4.8	3.2	19.4
30	13	Entertainment Prod	15	18	-1			7.6
198	155	Ewart	188	193	+1	5.5	2.9	18.7
275	250	Eouou	250	260	-20	6.9	2.7	21.4
162	55	Eve Construction	133	143	-2	6.2	4.5	15.6
105	76	Fit Fyffes	100	105	+2			
330	235	FKB Go	310	330	+5	3.4n	1.1	22.6
148	118	F & H Group	115	120	-2	6.5	5.5	9.8
86	64	Feedback	75	80	+3	1.7	2.2	28.1
40	16	Fergebrook	30½	32		e		2.6
238	138	Field's (Mrs)	236	240	+4			
183	160	Filofax	173	178	+12	3.7	2.1	24.1
68	51	Fletcher Dennys	50	55	..	3.4	6.4	12.3
60	44	Flexitech	53	58	..			9.7
320	276	Fogas	290	294	+4	5.0	1.7	
58	39	Floyd Oil	53	56				22.5
137	128	Forward Gp	135	138	+1	3.0	2.2	18.3
195	159½	French Conn	157	167	●-3	7.2	4.4	13.2
173	115	Frenbake	167	170	-3	2.7	1.6	28.9
402	340	Fuller Smith 'A'	392	402		6.0	1.5	20.6
155	121	Gabbicci	143	148	●	4.3	2.9	17.1
92	75	Gee (Cecil)	83	87	●+5	1.4	1.6	
66	42	Gee/Rosen	50	55	+5	2.3	4.3	16.1
125	93	Gibbon Lyons	115	120		5.0	4.2	20.3
247	130	Gibbs Mew	212	222	-3	5.5	2.5	23.8
116	79	Gilbert House	97	102	-3			
96	47	Global Gp	82	87	-3	4.1	4.8	13.4
134	105	Godwin Warren	118	123	-2	3.0	2.5	17.2
230	150	Goodhead Print	210	220	..	4.5	2.1	24.0
180	95	Gould (Laurence)	173	183	●-2	5.2	2.9	16.8
96	66	Granyte Surface	88	93	-2	2.9	3.2	15.9
305	152	Great Southern	293	303	●-4	7.1	2.4	24.2
210	160	Green (Ernest)	205	215	..	4.7	2.2	20.1
73	48	Greenwich Cable	58	63	+1	..	..	
330	160	Guernsey Atlantic	300	320	..			95.4
234	106	Halls Homes	228	233	+1	3.8	1.6	24.1
121	80	Hampden Homecare	87	92	●-3	2.2	2.4	13.0
38	24	Harmony Leisure	34	36	..	0.1	0.3	28.2
385	293	Harvey & Thomp	360	370	+10	9.3	2.5	24.1
279	250	Havelock Europa	275	278	+1	6.7	2.4	25.9
72	15	Hawthorn Leisure	33	34½	-2½			
73	45	Health Care	61	63	..	1.0	1.6	24.6
500	420	Heavitree	495	505	.	15.1	3.0	16.0
470	365	Do A LV	465	475	..	15.1	3.2	15.1
92	80	Hewetson	83	88		3.7	4.4	15.3
245	155	High-Point	240	250	+3	2.4	1.0	36.5
103	67	Highland Part	83	86	+1			
80	56	Hile Ergonom	62	67		1.9	2.9	10.4
86	48	Hobson	82	83½	-1			
296	168	Hodgson	288	293	●-4	2.9	1.0	46.2
185	145	Holden Hydroman	167	177		4.5	2.6	22.1
194	122	Holmes Protection	175	177	●-1			
138	115	Honeysuckle Gp	123	128	+6	5.8	4.4	12.2
121	92	Hornby	113	118	-2	4.4	3.8	11.2
141	31½	Hughes Food	138	140	+2	0.7	0.5	
37½	12	Humbrsd Elec	36	37½	+½			37.0
259	170	Hunter Saphir	255	258	+1	3.7	1.4	33.5
155	103	Huntleigh Tech	125	135	●	1.4	1.1	63.4
160	112	INSTEM	107	117	●-3	3.4	3.0	9.6
125	90	Image Storage	90	100		..	..	
32	18	Imtec	22	25	.	..	..	3.0
63	53	InfraRed	52	57	●+2			
303	248	Intereurope Tech	280	300	-10	8.2	2.8	14.5
395	207	Interlink Express	370	380	-5	4.8	1.3	34.1
33½	19½	Israel (Jack L)	27	28	-½	0.7b	2.5	21.3
530	430	JS Pathology	460	470	-5	3.9	0.8	42.6
350	120	Jaques Vert	345	355	●+13	9.6	2.7	16.2
18	3	Jetmans	12	14				0.4
280	118	Johnsen & Jorg	270	278	●-6	6.7	2.4	23.3
236	153	Johnson Fry	233	238	+1	7.2	3.1	20.7
178	123	Johnstones Paints	130	140		6.5	4.8	14.5
141	123	JSB Elec	137	142	.	3.2	2.3	17.0
105	75	Just Rubber	83	88		2.5	2.9	14.2
462	258	KLP	450	460	-7	5.5	1.2	18.2
107	73	Kent (John)	75	80	●-2	2.5	3.2	13.2
380	335	Kenyon Secs	370	380	-5	15.1	4.0	18.1
75	43	Kewill Systems	68	73	+1	1.6	2.3	10.4
78	55	Klark-Teknik	57	62	●	1.6	2.7	15.3
95	65	LPA Ind	67	70		4.1	5.9	11.4
155	83	Ladlaw	150	155	●-2	5.5	3.6	15.6
175	108	Laidlaw Thomson	157	162		5.8	3.6	15.3
151	101	Lewmar	128	130	-2	3.5	2.7	15.9
690	315	Local Lon Gp	650	670	-10	4.8	0.7	36.5
186	110	Lodge Care	165	170	● ..	5.5	3.3	27.1
141	110	Lon & Clydeside	135	140	.	7.6	5.7	11.9
240	165	Lorko Elec	195	205	.	4.1b	2.1	14.5
47	26	Lysander Pet	41	44	-1			
128	100	M6 Cash & Carry	102	107	●	4.9	4.7	9.4
478	310	MMT Comp	473	483	+6	7.5	1.6	21.7
200	120	McLaughlin & Har	163	173	●-2	9.6	5.7	10.4
105	68	Magnetic Materials	91	96	● ..	3.8	4.0	13.2
195	128	Maromet	155	160	.	1.4	0.9	49.5
126	121	March Gp	119	122	-1	5.8	4.8	12.0
127	80	Marina Dev	98	103	+1	4.3	4.3	9.7
210	151	Martin (Ronald)	200	210	● ..	5.5	2.7	17.2
29	16	Maxiprint	18	21				
146	104	Mayborn	135	140	+3	4.4	3.2	13.9
225	103	Mayfair City	215	230	+5	4.1	1.8	47.2
180	92	Media Tech	163	168	..	3.8	2.3	12.7
105	68	Melleware	82	87	-1	4.3	5.1	20.0
32	19	Mercury Comp	30	32	-1	232		5.1
54	17	Mercom Ind Hldgs	40	44	+2			2.8
203	170	Merivale-Swan	185	190	-2	3.7	2.0	20.0
432	370	Merrydown Wine	431	433	+9	7.5	1.7	26.3
149	118	Metal Bulletin	128	133	-2	6.6	5.0	14.5
95	76	Metsec	91	95	●-2	3.8	3.9	18.2
98	68	Michael (John)	92	97		1.8	1.9	23.1
150	138	Microlease	145	150	+2	5.5	3.7	12.1
283	191	Microsystems	280	285	+5	3.1	1.1	20.2
32	29	Microvitec	43	45	-1	1.7	3.9	15.4
483	172	Miller & Santhouse	460	465	●+10	3.1	0.7	68.4
185	148	Millward Brown	173	183		3.1	1.7	38.8
211	175	Miss World	195	205	-5	8.2	4.1	10.0
225	108	Moys	220	230	+10	2.7	1.2	30.5
201	103	Moorgate Gp	187	192	● ..	2.5	1.3	26.0
138	108	Monks & Crane	135	139	+1	3.7	2.7	17.1
203	129	Monotype	200	205	●+5	6.3	3.1	12.6
24½	15½	Morris (William)	21	22	+1½			8.6
226	175	Musterlin	185	195	●	4.1	2.2	25.9
475	214	NMW Comp	455	465	●-10	10.3	2.2	22.3
57½	12½	New England Props	37	42	r			..
290	75	Do 10%	200	250	r ..	0	4.4	
101	69	Newage Trans	98	103	+2	4.8	4.8	11.2
15	8	Nimslo	12	14				
265	123	Norank	245	250	●-1	5.5	2.2	18.2
93	58	Norton	77	82	-1	1.0	1.3	8.7
58	23	Nth Sea & Gen	54	57	..			11.1
150	81	Northumbrian Fine	124	138	..	2.2	1.8	32.3
70	26	Oilfield Insp	25	30	-3	2.9e	10.4	4.2
23	18	Optometrics	18	23		..	.	
120	103	Orchid Tech	115	120				
336	291	Osborne & Little	325	330	-2	4.6	1.4	31.4
185	117	PCT	155	165	-5	4.4	2.8	18.2
305	162	Pacer Systems	185	195	●-2	..	..	..
245	45	Pacific Sales	237	247	-1	4.1	1.7	57.9
198	123	Pantherella	185	200	.	2.1	1.1	17.4
325	198	Parkfield Gp	323	327		2.7	0.8	45.1
78	46	Paul M Les	74	78	..	.. e	..	33.5
33½	25	Pavion	28	30	-1	e		5.2
266	145	Peps Group	250	255	.	4.5	1.8	24.4
156	118	Pericom	130	135	-2	3.4	2.6	9.2
48	31	Perkins (J)	43	48	●+1	2.5	5.4	23.7
173	131	Personal Computer	170	175	+1	4.1	2.4	17.7
160	110	Peters (Michael)	148	153	●+1	3.8	2.5	25.6
30	20	Petrogen	19	22				
83	35	Piccadilly Radio	80	85	+2	2.7	3.3	23.5
45	34	Pict Pet	36	39	r +2	..	..	5.2
98	84	Pineapple	94	98	+2			
93	69	Plasmec	83	86	●-1	2.9	3.4	9.9
211	170	Platon	202	207		4.3	2.1	14.9
174	115	Plum Hldgs	157	162	●+2	4.1	2.6	21.9
175	105	Polytech Manne	135	140				
170	97	Powerline	118	121	-1	3.1	2.6	13.8
152	134	Prism Leisure	132	136	-1	5.8	4.3	12.6
98	76	Prontaprint	83	88	..	3.4	4.0	9.9
6¼	2¼	Property Trust	4¾	5¼				
198	125	Quarto	165	170	●+3	4.5	2.7	18.7
247	195	Quester	215	220	..	6.5	3.0	13.3
89	65	RKF	87	90	..	3.0	3.4	12.7
150	98	Radamec	138	143	●-2	1.8	1.3	18.7
125	44	Radio City 'A'	123	128	+3			24.8
121	54	Radio Clyde	83	88	+3	4.8	5.6	15.2
193	108	Radius	185	190	-2	4.1	2.2	20.0
33	20	Ranco Oil	26	29		●		6.8
173	108	Ramus	160	165	-2	8.1	5.0	14.1
200	81	Randsworth	178	183	-2	0.3	0.2	
106	63	Real Time Control	100	105	+2	2.7	2.6	29.7
46	33	Regina Health	33	35	.	0.4	1.2	28.3
170	168	Reliance Sec	167	172		6.2	3.6	15.3
41	20	Reliant Motor	32	34				28.2
174	113	Rivlin	152	155	●-3	0.6	0.4	40.0
133	63	Rockwood	107	112	-1			85.3
119	108	Rolfe & Nolan	110	115	+4	2.7	2.4	48.7
138	98	Rotunda	120	125	+2	2.7	2.2	13.1
132	100	Ryman	126	129		2.1	1.6	18.6
254	150	SAC	252	255	●+3	3.2	1.3	31.3
150	140	Sanders Sydney	137	147	+2	5.8	4.1	16.6
127	82	Sangers Photo	118	123	+4	3.1	2.6	35.0
31	19	Sapphire Pet	27	30	-1			3.8
345	132	Savage	325	340	●-7	2.7	0.8	42.4
126	97	Scanro	98	102		3.4	3.4	13.9
251	147	Scot Heritable	248	252	● ..	5.7	2.3	21.0
190	133	Securiguard	182	187	-1	5.0	2.7	34.2
233	163	Select App	228	233	+1	3.4	1.5	32.5
19½	14½	SelecTV	16½	18				
295	210	Share Drug Strs	272	282	●+2	3.7	1.3	24.3
83	70	Sheldon Jones	69	73		6.6	9.3	8.3
353	245	Sherwood Comp	345	350	●	5.4	1.5	20.1
380	148	Shield	333	343	-2	2.9	0.9	56.3
83	55	Sigmex	60	65	-1	0.8	1.3	22.1
140	103	Sims Catering	130	140	+10	5.7	4.2	16.5
320	210	Sinclair (William)	315	325	s +5	8.0	2.6	26.9
248	193	Smallbone	237	247	+6	5.1	2.1	22.8
61	39	Soundtracks	55	60		1.7	2.9	15.8
257	175	Stan Bus	234	242	+1	5.0	2.1	10.5
27	12	SW Resources	19	21	.			8.1
103	80	Space Planning	77	82		2.6	3.3	15.2
290	239	Spandex	280	290		4.3	1.5	35.8
40	20	Spectrum	33	37	-3	..		3.9
186	101	Spice	158	163	+1	4.0	2.5	15.3
66	46	Splash	55	60		4.7	8.1	40.8
226	176	Stainless Metal	199	204	-5	6.4	3.2	14.9
96	65	Sterling Pub	93	96	+1	2.9b	3.1	21.2
46	28	Sumitomo Elecs	36	39		0.5	1.3	23.6
90	61	Sutherland (ET)	75	79	●-1	4.8	6.2	24.3
136	100	Sweden Pr Hosp	110	150				39.6
365	215	Synapse Comp	340	350	+5	3.1	0.9	28.8
325	165	T & S Stores	170	180	s +12	2.4	1.4	24.8
180	118	TDS Circuits	120	175	-3	..	..	5.3
166	115	TMD Advert	158	163	-2	2.9	1.8	21.5
140	91	TSB Chan Islands	137	139		4.9	3.6	7.7
404	270	TV-AM	347	351	●-5	7.5	2.2	13.3
248	106	Task Force	236	250		2.5	1.0	33.9
438	52	Tay Homes	395	405	●-5	7.5	1.9	11.5
142	78	Tech For Bus	133	140	●-2	7.7	5.6	10.5
463	258	Tech Comp	455	470		5.7	1.2	30.7
227	150	Telecomputing	212	222	-3	2.1	1.0	18.9
58	60	Tel Sys Int	73	75	-1½	3.1	4.2	23.8
275	223	Therm Scientific	264	269	+4	3.9	1.5	34.1
178	148	Thornton GW	165	170		5.1	3.0	14.2
91	63	Thorpac	67	72		1.2	1.7	31.3
65	44	Tinsley (Eliza)	58	63		4.1	6.7	11.8
225	150	Tod (W&J)	220	228	+4	5.0	2.2	16.2
46	33	Towngrade Sec	38	43				66.1
305	193	Trade Promotion	292	302	-3	6.4	2.2	27.9
307	235	Trencherwood	302	312	s .	4.4	1.4	21.0
145	86	Triton	130	135		1.6	1.2	29.8
256	211	UTC Group	288	293	-5			
115	103	Uni Ceramic	110	120	●+2	5.7	5.0	13.5
625	360	Uni Friendly	620	630	+15	26.0	4.2	
155	111	Utd Packaging	135	145	+2	5.0	3.6	10.6
164	128	Usher (Frank)	158	162	●	7.9	4.9	10.9
103	66	Wayne Kerr	81	83	●-2	2.4	2.9	20.3
29	19	Weipac	23½	25	-½	0.5	2.0	15.3
67½	49	Wentworth	58	61	+1	2.4	4.0	16.7
116	98	West Yorkshire	107	112	● .	5.7	5.2	14.9
215	166	Whatney Mackay	207	217	..	5.7	2.7	17.5
365	188	Wickes	350	360	● .	3.6	1.0	28.7
23	9½	Wilshaw Syst	18	19½	+½			86.4
25½	18½	Williams (Rex) Hldgs	21½	22½	●	1.3	5.9	14.3
55	40	Wolf	40	70	+10	1.1	2.0	49.1
198	170	Wood John D & Co	175	180	+2	3.6	2.0	19.8
150	80	Woottons Better	128	135	+1	5.3	4.0	20.3
620	275	Worcester	600	635	●-2	10.3	1.7	17.7
153	123	Wts of Leather	135	140		4.3	3.1	13.8
212	192	Wyevale	207	214	+8			
75	63	Wyko	70	72		3.7	5.2	10.8
189	133	Yellowhammer	168	175	-2	2.3	1.3	25.2
40	30	Yeverton	34	37				13.3
100	57	York Mount	68	73	+1	2.4	3.4	32.9
83	52	Yorks Tst Gp	77	79	-2			
102	96	Do 8%	100	-		8.00	8.0	
110	51	Zygal Dynamics	87	92	+2	0.7	0.8	12.3

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
163	129	Alsa	162	164		3.4b	2.1	31.8
10	865	Alliance	928	932	-3	34.3	3.7	36.1
158	139	Amer Trust	143	145	●-3	4.5	3.1	31.0
485	377	Ang Amer Sec	476	480	-4	9.6	2.0	56.9
472	110	Atlantic Assets	119	120	-2	0.8	0.7	91.2
83	68½	Bankers	80	82	●-1	2.0	2.5	57.9
300	267	Berry	296	300	-2	1.5	0.5	
77½	64½	Br Assets	73½	74½	●-1	3.2b	4.3	33.8
48½	38	Br Empire Sec	45½	47	●	0.8	1.7	
558	478	Br Inv	542	547	-3	23.3	4.3	31.6
125½	105	Brunner	124	125	-1	3.4	2.7	51.0
853	785	Contl & Ind	830	845	-5	30.1	3.6	19.6
159½	116	Crescent Japan	157	158	s -1½	0.2	0.1	
168	143	Derby Inc	165	169	+1	12.5	7.4	18.4
201	172	Do Cap	189	194				
466	375	Drayton Cons	452	455	●-1	15.1	3.3	42.1
229	203	Drayton Far East	226	229	-1	1.6	0.7	..
794	663	Drayton Japan	773	780	-5	1.4	0.2	
295	274	Dundee Lon	282	285	-1	8.2	2.9	46.6
127	109½	Edin Amer Asset	115	117	-2	0.9	0.8	
188½	164	Edinburgh	178	180	●-2	5.1	2.8	45.9
518	432	Electric Gen	504	509	-2	6.5	1.3	84.9
220	175	English Int	218	221		5.3	2.4	61.5
124	107	English Scot	114	117	+1	2.1	1.8	72.0
82	74	Ensign	80	82	●-1	1.2	1.5	79.4
155	132	F & C Alliance	151	154	-1	2.6	1.7	80.5
268	228	F & C Pacific	256	258	●-1	2.7	1.1	
16¼	12¼	First Charlotte	14½	15¼	●	0.1	0.7	
426	342	First Scot Amer	422	425	-2	16.4	3.9	34.2
156	124	Fleming American	139	141	s -1½	2.2	1.6	
252	203	Fleming Claver	244	248	-4	7.7	3.1	42.9
448	330	Fleming Enterprise	442	447	-1	12.3	2.8	49.9
164½	150	Fleming Far East	162	164	●-1½	1.1	0.7	
202	145	Fleming Fledgeling	199	202	-1	3.5	1.7	78.2
417	147	Fleming Japan	165	167	-1	1.0	0.6	77.6
196	174	Fleming Mercantile	188	191	-2	5.1	2.7	50.5
186	165½	Fleming Overseas	174	175	-1½	2.9b	1.7	86.4
190	166	Fleming Tech	186	189	-1	0.9	0.5	
171	158	Fleming Universal	156	160		2.1	1.3	
128¼	113½	For Col	127	128	-½	2.3	1.8	74.1
120	101	GBC Capital	100	102	-1			
283	223	GT Japan	268	275	-1	1.9	0.7	
382	328	General Cons	378	382	-2	17.6	4.7	28.6
294	218	General Fund	280	285	-7	3.0	1.1	
185	175	Glasgow Stock	175	187		3.2	1.8	73.9
168	128½	Globe (aa)	168	167	-1	5.1	3.1	42.8
170	150	Govett Atlantic	152	154	-2	4.3b	2.8	46.1
288	254	Govett Oriental	279	282	●-1	3.2	1.1	..
330	269	Govett Strategy	328	332	..	5.2	1.6	82.3
451	316	Greenfriar	415	422	-1	2.7	0.6	
450	300	Gresham House	430	450	.	8.1	1.8	47.3
249	230	Hambros	240	242	-2	6.2	2.6	53.2
108	89½	India Fund	105	110		..	..	..
205	166	Invest in Success	195	205	s +2	1.7	0.9	
381	253	Inv Cap	353	358	●-3	17.3b	4.9	33.2
186	156	Ivory & Sime	165	170	-2	6.9	4.1	23.0
69½	63½	Japan Assets	66	67		0.7	1.1	
130	112	Kleinwort Charter	128	130	..	3.6	2.8	49.2
185	150	Kleinwort O'seas	152	154	-2	3.4	2.2	61.9
490	283	Kleinwort Smaller	485	495	●+2	12.6	2.8	51.5
313	261	Law Debenture	310	313	-1	10.3	3.3	32.7
92	63	Lon Merchant Sec	90	92	.	3.6	4.0	18.4
75	60	Lon Trust	74	76		1.1e	1.5	82.4
160	134	Merchants	158	160	●-1	6.2	3.9	34.4
30¼	21¼	Merrill Lynch	21⅞	-	+⅞			
254	236	Monks	250	253	-1	3.6b	1.4	95.1
200	167	Murray Income	197	200	-1	8.2b	4.1	36.0
195	178	Murray Intl	186	189	-1	7.2	3.8	37.4
200	189	Murray Small	196	199	s -1	2.0b	1.0	
248	225	Murray Venture	248	250	● ..	6.9b	2.8	58.5
575	495	New Court	567	572	●-1	21.9	3.8	33.6
71	64	New Darien Oil	70	71	● ..	1.0	1.4	79.2
81	62½	Newmarket Inc 83	80	81½		4.8b	5.7	22.9
133	118	New Tokyo	122	124	s -1½	0.1	0.1	..
402	375	Nth Atlantic Sec	382	386	●-2	4.7	1.2	
39	32	Nth Sea Assets	34	37				10.7
451	416	Nthn Amer	422	428	-2	7.4	1.7	..
144	116	Pacific Assets	141	143	.	1.1	0.8	.
97	53	Do Wrnts	87	91	-3			
56	41	Personal Assets	55	58½	+½	0.5	0.9	
501	448	Raeburn	497	502	-1	18.5	3.7	40.2
233	194	River & Merc	230	233	-1	9.6b	4.1	38.4
341	294	River Plate	337	342		12.3	3.6	35.8
313	295	Robeco	301	-	+1	..	.	
281	260	Rolinco	281	-	+1			
420	338	Romney	417	422		6.9	1.6	
16¼	15	Rorento	15⅝	-	+⅛			
185	160	St Andrew Inv Tst	184	187	.	4.8	2.6	49.6
242	225	Schroder Global	238	242	.	6.1	2.5	52.2
460	407	Scottish	437	441	-3	9.4	2.1	67.0
100	89½	Scot American	98	100	-1	2.9b	2.9	56.8
157	132	Scot Eastern	155	157	-1	3.1	2.0	70.9
98	86	Scot Merc 'A'	91	94		6.4	6.9	18.0
655	573	Scot Mtge	640	645	● .	14.3	2.2	62.7
378	331	Scot Nat	373	377	-1	7.6	2.0	62.9
854	757	Second Alliance	823	829	..	27.9	3.4	40.7
112½	97	Secs Tst of Scotland	110	111½	●-1	4.3	3.9	35.9
112½	74	Smaller Cos	111½	113½	..	1.4b	1.2	75.0
268	207	Steel Burrill	258	262	●-1	12.9	5.0	13.4
135	114	TR Australia	129	131	●-1	3.2	2.5	38.8
82	84½	TR City Of Lon Dfd	79	80½	●-1½	3.0b	3.8	37.6
168½	112¼	TR Ind & Gen	135	136	-1	2.8b	2.1	58.7
171	141	TR Natural Res	166	170	.	5.9	3.5	36.1
112	97	TR North America	100	102	..	2.5b	2.5	51.3
218	204	TR Pacific Basin	210	212	●-1	1.4	0.7	
101	73	TR Property	99	101	-1	1.9	1.9	66.7
140	118½	TR Tech	134	136	-1½	2.5	1.9	63.7
123	94	TR Trustees	121	123	-1	3.1	2.5	54.2
230	168	Temple Bar	227	230	-1	8.9	3.9	33.4
436	325	Throgmorton	428	433	-4	13.7	3.2	48.5
351	275	Throg Dual	345	350				
186	165	Tribune	182	185	-1	4.8	2.6	43.3
93½	85	Triplevest Inc	90	91	-½	18.5	20.4	7.0
384	247	US Debenture	376	381	-4	9.3	2.5	50.1
55	42	Value Inc Tst	53	55	-1	1.3	3.3	
52	43½	Viking Resources	51	52½	● ..	2.7	5.2	28.9
85	62½	Westpool	83	85	..	2.3	2.7	41.4
139½	119	Witan	138½	139½	-½	2.6b	1.9	79.0

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
58⅝	38¼	American Express	38⅝	-	●			
198	90	Argyle	170	175	+5	2.7	1.6	51.8
65	29	Boustead	61	63	●-3	0.1	0.2	71.3
182½	149	Britannia Arrow	165	167	●+1½	6.9	4.1	14.8
36	18	Daily Mail	35	37	+1½	82.2	2.3	21.7
35	23	Do 'A'	34	36	+2	82.2	2.3	21.1
191	159	Electra	188	190	+½	5.6	3.0	43.6
179	91	Eng Trust	177	180	..	4.1	2.3	19.8
355	267	Exco	330	375	+3	5.8	1.6	22.7
153	88	Exploration	150	155		3.2	2.1	20.1
943	780	Framlington	898	913	-2	15.1	1.7	23.7
193	128	Frost Gp	190	195	+2	7.2	3.7	18.1
243	183	GT Management	232	237	+5	4.1	1.7	17.7
201	173	Goode Durrant	188	193	+1	3.4	1.8	27.1
13	983	Henderson Admin	12⅞	13	+⅛	21.2	1.6	25.7
230	189	ICH	208	211	+1	12.3	5.9	9.3
541	427	MAI	530	533	+7	26.7	5.0	11.3
295	265	M & G	285	289	-6	7.2	2.5	21.1
408	297	Mercantile House	370	375	-7	19.2	5.1	7.1
192	148	Smith New Court	188	191	-1	10.0	5.3	9.4

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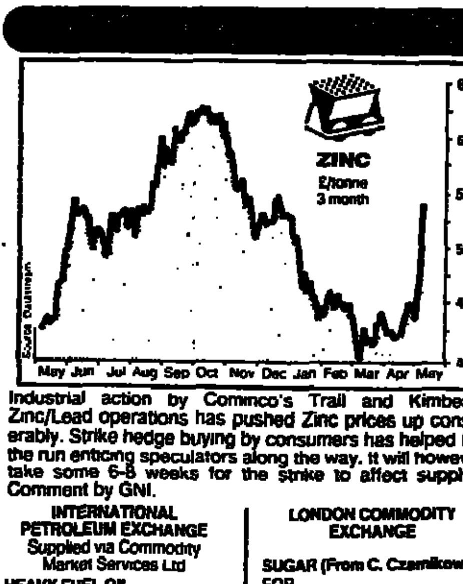

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Aug .... [illegible]
Sep .... [illegible]
Oct .... [illegible]
Nov .... [illegible]
Dec .... [illegible]
Jan .... [illegible]
Feb .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]

Jul 1367-65
Sep 1380-78
Nov 1400-1395
Jan 1410-05
Mar 1435-25
May 1460-40
Vol 5053

SOYABEAN
Jun 124.0-23.0
Aug 123.0-22.0
[illegible]

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official Turnover figures
Price in £ per metric tonne
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER GRADE A
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

STANDARD CATHODES
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

LEAD
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

ZINC HIGH GRADE
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

SILVER LARGE
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... Idle

SILVER SMALL
Cash 526.00-529.00
Three Months . 537.00-540.00
Vol .... Nil
Tone .... Idle

ALUMINIUM
Cash 866.00-866.50
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

NICKEL
Cash .... [illegible]
Three Months .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]
Tone .... [illegible]

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

SUGAR (From C. Czarnikow)
FOB
Aug .... [illegible]
Oct .... [illegible]
Dec .... [illegible]
Mar .... [illegible]
May .... [illegible]
Aug .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]

COCOA
May .... [illegible]
Jul .... [illegible]
Sep .... [illegible]
Dec .... [illegible]
Mar .... [illegible]
May .... [illegible]
Jul .... [illegible]
Vol .... [illegible]

COFFEE
May .... [illegible]

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on May 12
[illegible]

Aug	95.00	95.00
Oct	100.30	100.30
Nov	101.30	101.50
		Vol: 9

Pig Meat vol: 0

Live Cattle Contract
p. per kilo

Month	Open	Close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

LONDON POTATO FUTURES
£ per tonne

Month	Open	Close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

BIFFEX
G.N.I. Freight Futures Ltd Dry Cargo Report ($10 per point)

	High/Low	Close
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Spot market commentary:
Dry cargo index: [illegible]

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Profit-takers move in

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began Monday. Dealings end May 29. §Contango day June 1. Settlement day June 8.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 27.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	AB Elect	Electricals	
2	TSL Group	Industrials S-Z	
3	Amber Ind	Industrials A-D	
4	Wettern Bros	Building,Roads	
5	Unitech	Electricals	
6	Brown (Matthew)	Breweries	
7	Security Serv	Industrials S-Z	
8	Grand Met (aa)	Hotels,Caterers	
9	Watshams	Industrials S-Z	
10	England (J)	Foods	
11	Plessey (aa)	Electricals	
12	Halma	Industrials E-K	
13	Young 'A'	Breweries	
14	Tilbury Group	Building,Roads	
15	Castings	Industrials A-D	
16	Abbey	Building,Roads	
17	Lees (John J)	Foods	
18	Fenner (JH)	Industrials E-K	
19	Blue Arrow	Industrials A-D	
20	Fogarty	Industrials E-K	
21	Barrow Hepburn	Industrials A-D	
22	Persimmon	Building,Roads	
23	Fife Indmar	Industrials E-K	
24	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
25	Cakebread Robey	Building,Roads	
26	Armour	Industrials A-D	
27	Logica	Electricals	
28	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
29	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
30	Lovell (YJ)	Building,Roads	
31	Lep	Industrials L-R	
32	Baker Perkins	Industrials A-D	
33	Volex	Electricals	
34	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
35	Mayborn	Industrials L-R	
36	Radiant Metal	Industrials L-R	
37	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
38	Bromsgrove Inds	Industrials A-D	
39	Garton Eng	Industrials E-K	
40	P-E International	Electricals	
41	GEI Int	Industrials E-K	
42	Cape Ind	Industrials A-D	
43	Ladies Pride	Drapery,Stores	
44	Williams Hldgs	Industrials S-Z	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock			Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)								
99¾	97	Treas	3%	1987	99⅝	-⅛	3.0	7.099
102⅛	95½	Treas	12%	1987	101⅛	..	11.8	8.325
99¾	97⅛	Treas	7¾%	1985-88	99⅝	..	7.8	8.186
102⅛	96	Exch	10½%	1988	102	..	10.3	8.332
101⅛	96½	Treas	C9¾%	1988	101½	●-⅛	9.6	8.309
96¾	92¾	Treas	3%	1978-88	96¾	..	3.1	6.000
101½	96	Treas	9½%	1988	101½	-⅛	9.4	8.328
105⅛	95½	Treas	11½%	1989	105	-⅛	10.9	8.335
104⅛	98⅛	Treas	10½%	1989	104	●-¼	10.1	8.341
103⅛	97⅛	Exch	10%	1989	103⅛	-⅛	9.7	8.379

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
640	536	Nat West (aa)	627	632	-2	28.1	4.5	6.4
130	123	Ottoman	127	.	-1	800	6.3	4.1
393	278	Provident	370	375	-1	17.8	4.8	12.9
231	198	REA Go	195	200	-2	2.7	1.4	14.8
163	137	Rothschild (J) Hld	162	163	-½	7.3	4.5	17.0
337	298	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	320	321	●-½	15.6	4.9	8.0
970	705	Schroders	960	980	+10	18.5	1.9	15.1
843	728	Stand Chart (aa)	820	825	●-2	50.0	6.1	10.2
102	75	TSB (aa)	89½	90½	+1	6.1	6.8	6.4
925	680	Union	920	930	..	57.1	6.2	10.7
37¼	27½	Wells Fargo	30¼	.	.	..	.	
422	290	Wintrust	410	430		8.0	1.9	20.7

BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
443	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	437	438	-1½	13.9	3.2	20.0
977	729	Bass (aa)	950	965	-7	23.3	2.4	17.7
76½	62	Belhaven	70½	71½	-½	0.9	1.3	36.0
150½	131	Boddingtons	149	151	-½	5.1	3.4	18.4
578	540	Brown (Matthew)	575	580	+4	19.2b	3.3	20.2
171	136	Buckleys	141	144	-1	4.1	2.9	33.1
209	141	Bulmer (H P)	200	205	-2	7.4	3.6	20.8
727	660	Burtonwood Brew	722	730	..	14.8	2.0	24.2
515	440	Clark (Matthew)	473	480	+2	11.6	2.4	16.4
235	202	Devenish (J A)	232	237	.	3.7	1.6	32.5
259	187	Greenall Whitley	255	257	-2	7.5	2.9	15.4
381	259	Greene King	375	379	-2	8.0	2.1	21.5
444	264	Guinness (aa)	330	332	●-1	11.2	3.4	11.1
653	473	Hardys & Hansons	645	655	..	25.6	3.9	14.7
80	68	Highland Dist	77	80	●-1	3.1	3.9	15.3
181	138	Invergordon Dist	172	176	●-1	7.2	4.1	11.3
208	145	Irish Dist	180	185		6.0	3.3	.
131½	113	Marston Thompson	131	132	.	3.2	2.4	18.8
550	345	Morland	510	520	-2	9.6	1.9	25.0
408	131	SA Breweries	395	405	-8			
279	178	Scot & New (aa)	260	262	.	10.3	3.9	15.8
580	465	Vaux	527	535	r-2	18.6	3.5	18.8
379	272	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	369	372	-3	11.5	3.1	17.1
382	248	Do B	380	383	.	11.5	3.0	17.6
347	210	Whitbread Inv	332	338	-8	11.0	3.3	43.0
432	292	Wolverhampton & D	333	337	-2	7.0	2.1	18.9
385	274	Young A	365	375	+3	11.4	3.1	25.5

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1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
246	136	Hunting	243	248	● ..	12.3	5.0	13.7
57	22	Inoco	49	52	-1	..	..	..
14	7½	Jackson	10½	12	..	.	.	.
19	10	KCA Drilling	16	18	.	..e	..	5.7
295½	85	LASMO	285	287	●-7	9.6s	3.4	54.2
205	99½	Do Units	157	165	-2	52.3	32.5	.
37	25	New London Oil	32	35	.	..	..	..
5¾	3¼	Offshore	4	4¾	+½	..	..	..
60	11½	Oil Search	57	58	-2½	..	..	..
60	39	Pancanol	56	60	..	..	..	5.1
106	58	Petrocon	93	98	● ..	2.5	2.6	15.2
53¾	37½	Premier	52	53	+1¼	..	..	33.7
355	265	Ranger	290	305	+3	..	..	..

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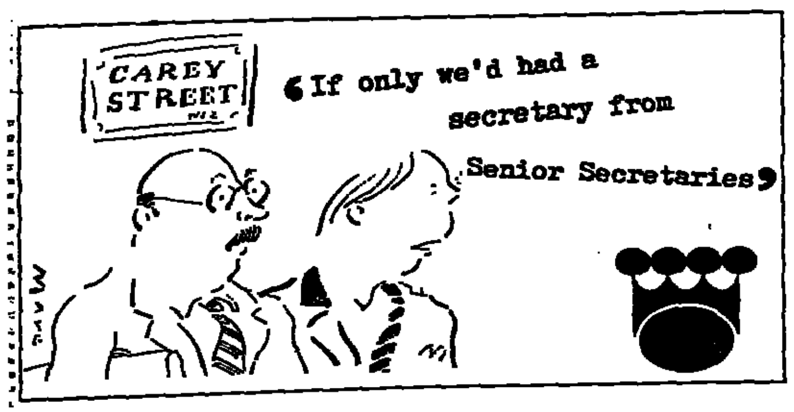

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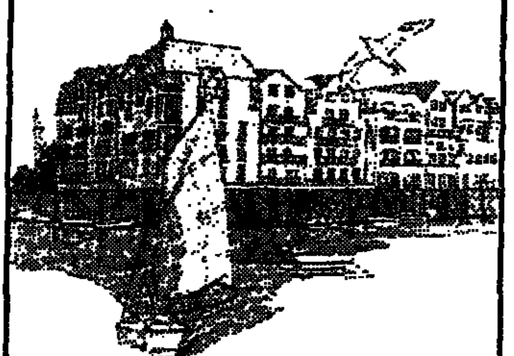

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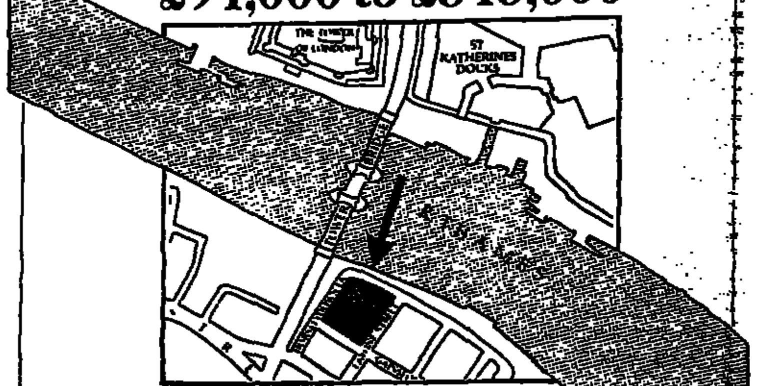

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London Docklands in demand

By Christopher Warman

Property Correspondent

A forest of cranes amid clouds of building dust marks the spot of London's Docklands – not a flattering description perhaps, but one that shows that it is still in the process of development as it continues its remarkable progress towards furnishing the capital with another complete town east of Tower Bridge.

Since 1981, when the London Docklands Development Corporation was set up, £283 million of public money has attracted £1.5 billion of private investment, the building of 4,000 houses and flats, and plans for 3,000 more.

It has been growing with increasing speed in the past 18 months, and so have prices. Land has increased in price to approaching £3 million an acre, with reports of examples where it has nudged £5 million, which inevitably is reflected in the price of the flat or house.

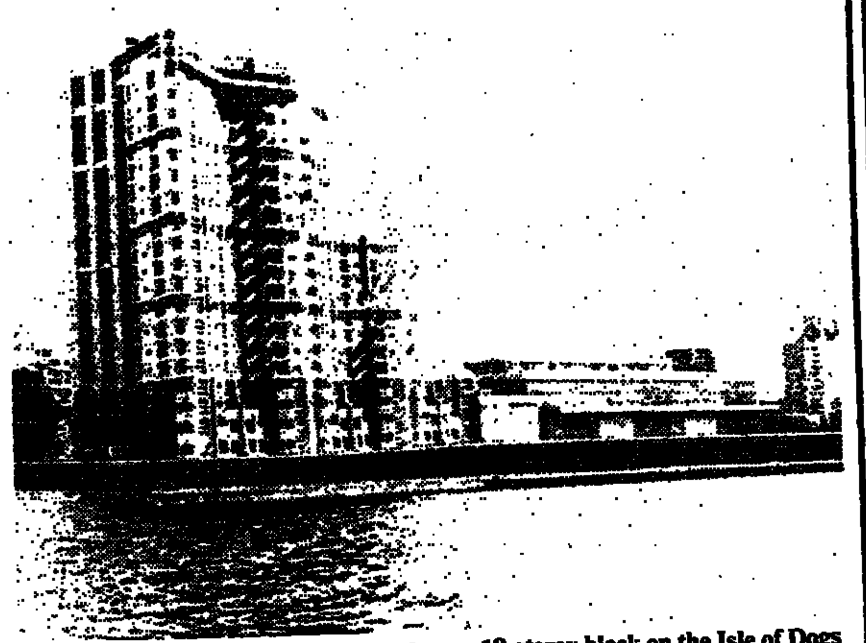
But there is no sign that prices are beyond potential purchasers – demand is high, and many of the developments coming to completion now are finding ready buyers. It is likely, however, that the phenomenal increases of the past year are a thing of the past.

Collins Druce, which has recently opened its sixth office on the fringes of the Docklands, believes that although supply still outweighs demand, prices appear to have reached a plateau. "However, we envisage that with the imminent signing up of the Canary Wharf scheme, and the opening of the Docklands Light Railway, prices will rise by 15 per cent and at most 20 per cent," says David Galman, one of the partners.

Final agreement between the parties to the Canary Wharf scheme – the docklands corporation, the American financiers and the building consortium – has been delayed, but is expected to go ahead. An announcement to that effect will boost the area again, as it will provide 10 million square feet of offices, creating more demand for houses and flats.

The tremedous hype has now diminished

The big agents have been arriving in Docklands by the week almost, with Chestertons, Savills and Knight Frank & Rutley becoming well established. Dominic Grace, of Savills, reports that the tremendous hype that saw primarily speculative purchasing by "bandwaggoners" jumping at the chance of quick profits has now diminished. He says: "The market is now seeing the establishment of more normal forces at work. Fewer of the buyers are outright speculators and more are those who are attracted to what the areas has and will soon have to offer."



Today's spectacular London: Cascades, an 18-storey block on the Isle of Dogs

He says potential buyers should now take a harder look at what they are purchasing, particularly if they are reserving "off plan", in the less heated atmosphere. "Many speculators from the days of the boom are now finding it difficult to sell on, certainly for any real gain, some of the more awkwardly designed and low-specification properties that they hardly even looked at on plan when purchasing," says Mr Grace.

Knight Frank & Rutley points to recent land sales at Globe Wharf in Rotherhithe, and Ferguson Wharf and Cyclops Wharf on the Isle of Dogs, with a total value of more than £25 million, which illustrates the underlying trend towards £3 million an acre for sites with river frontage.

Stephan Miles-Brown, from Knight Frank & Rutley's office on the Isle of Dogs, says demand is still strong, and one discernible concern of buyers is security. This is now becoming an important marketing factor, and all buyers ask about it. The result is that builders, who until recently were slow to respond, are building in security systems to all their developments. The emphasis on security also explains the popularity of flats, which buyers believe can be more secure than houses.

Free Trade Wharf, on the river at Wapping, is the latest development by Regalian, which is been involved in several Docklands schemes. When the first flats in the first phase of 168 newly built apartments went on sale at Easter, around 35 were sold in four days, costing from £195,000 upwards. The price range rises to £295,000 for a three-bedroom apartment, while the larger apartments in two converted warehouses cost from £460,000 to £565,000.

Nearly all have a balcony or terrace, the flats are more spacious than some of their rival developments, and there is an emphasis on security, with 24-hour porterage, door telephones, panic buttons, and a system that is compatible with the main burglar alarm systems. The whole scheme will comprise more than 300 apartments, and the complex will include shops and a swimming pool. Details from Regalian (01-493 9613).

One of the most dramatic developments is Cascades by Kentish Homes on the Isle of Dogs, a spectacular 18-storey block looking over the river, with a swimming pool, a gymnasium and a tennis court. The final phase has just been released – 18 one-bedroom and two-bedroom penthouses costing from £190,000 to £230,000 – with a discount for speedy purchasers. Details from Alan Selby and Partners (01-538 5421).

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Probably the last Wapping warehouse to be converted after years of frenetic activity is Millers Wharf, close to St Katharine's Dock, which is a £10 million development by a consortium of the Covent Garden Group, J.A. Elliott and Henry Ansbacher and Co. This listed Victorian warehouse, with fine views to the south and west over Tower Bridge and the City, is to provide 20 flats of one and two bedrooms, all with living rooms on the river, and one or two penthouses on the roof, which is almost the size of a football field.

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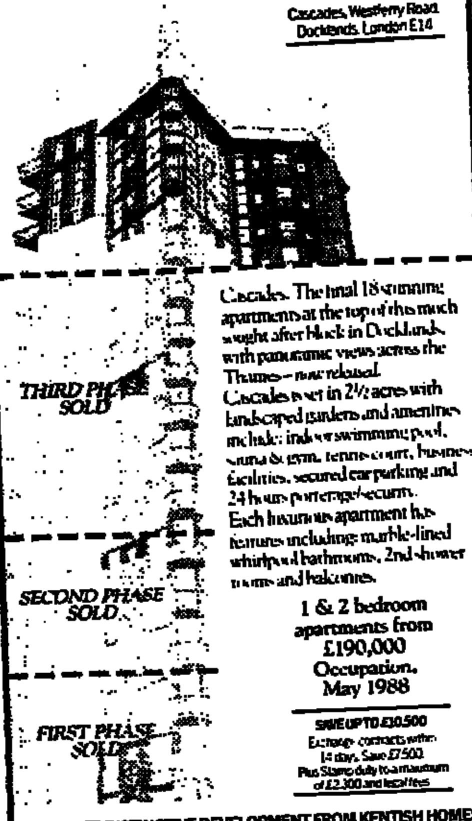

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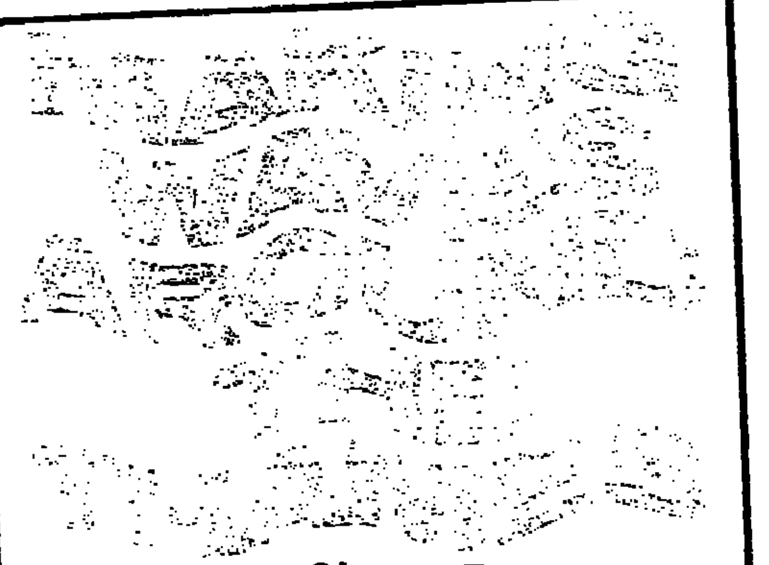

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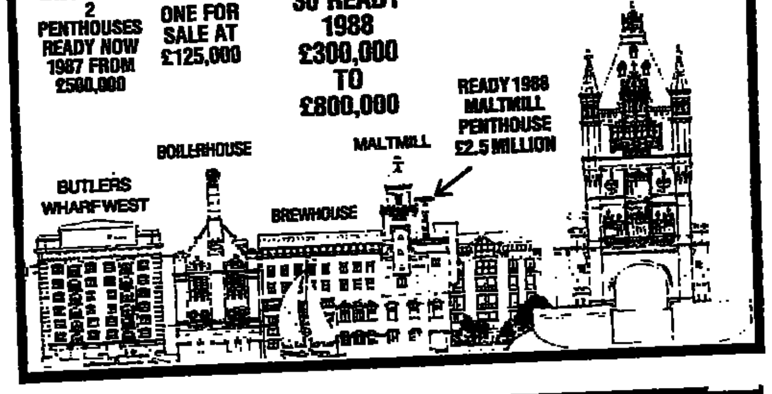

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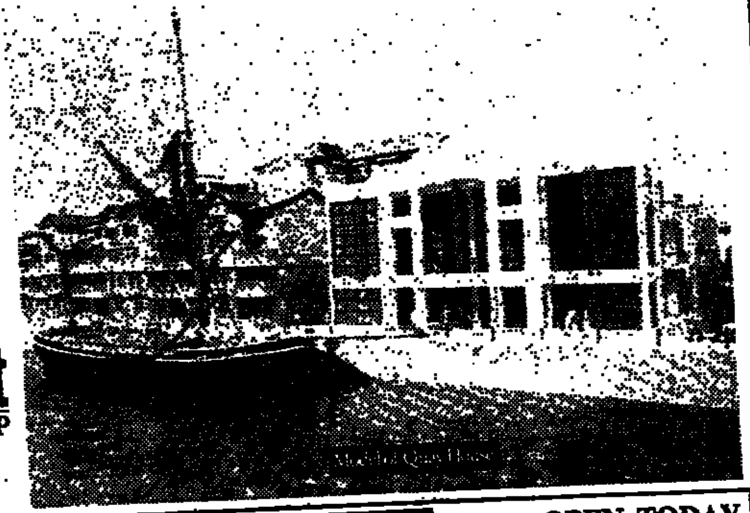

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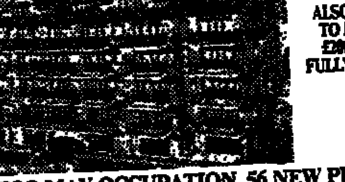

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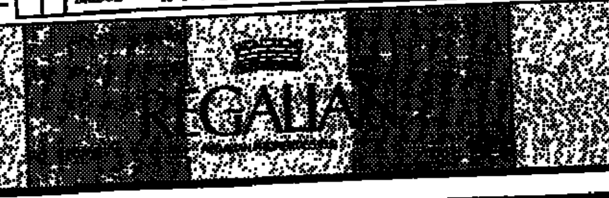

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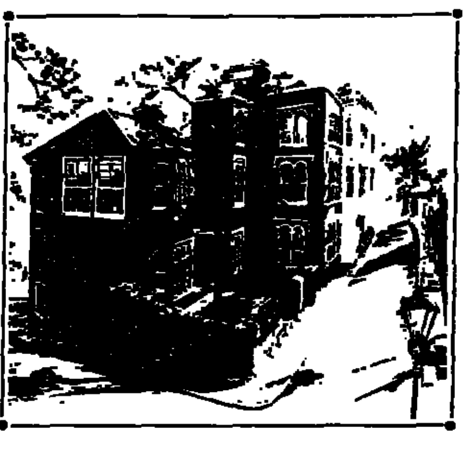

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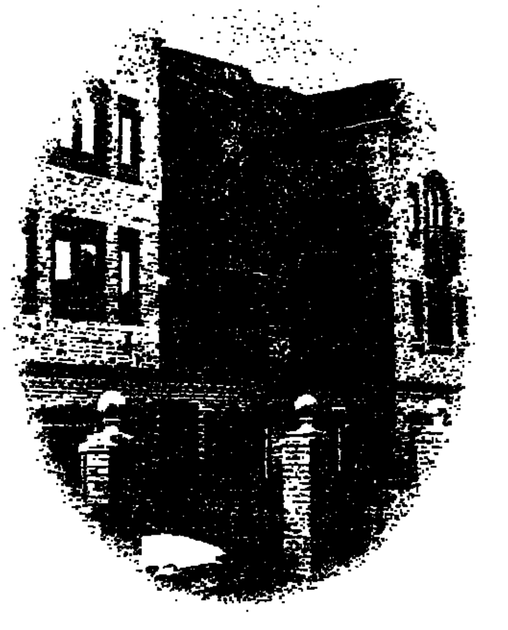

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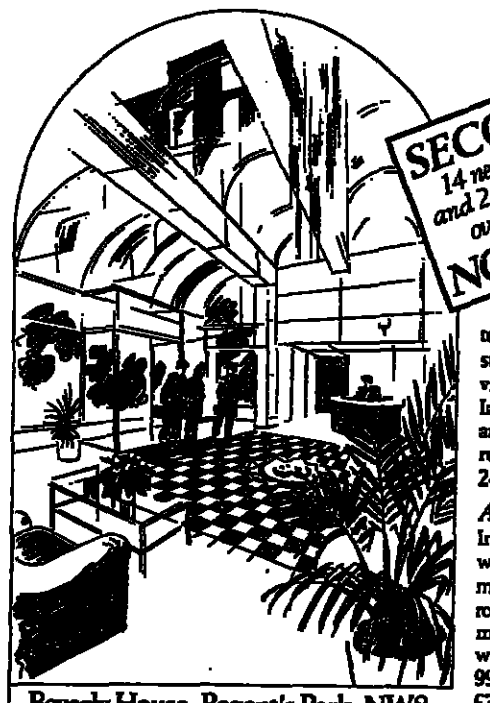

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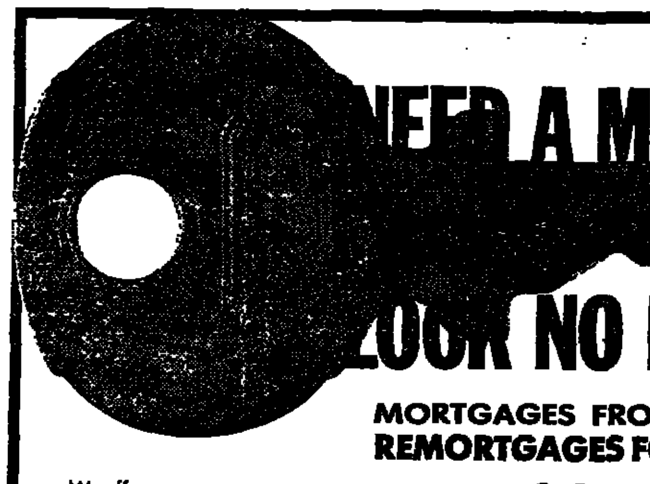

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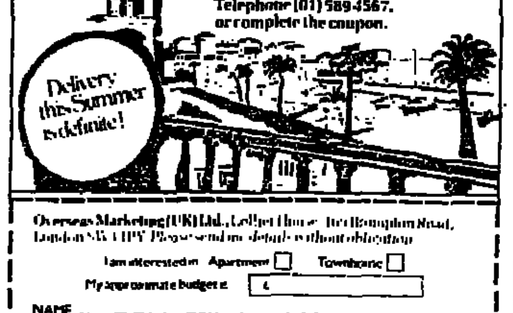

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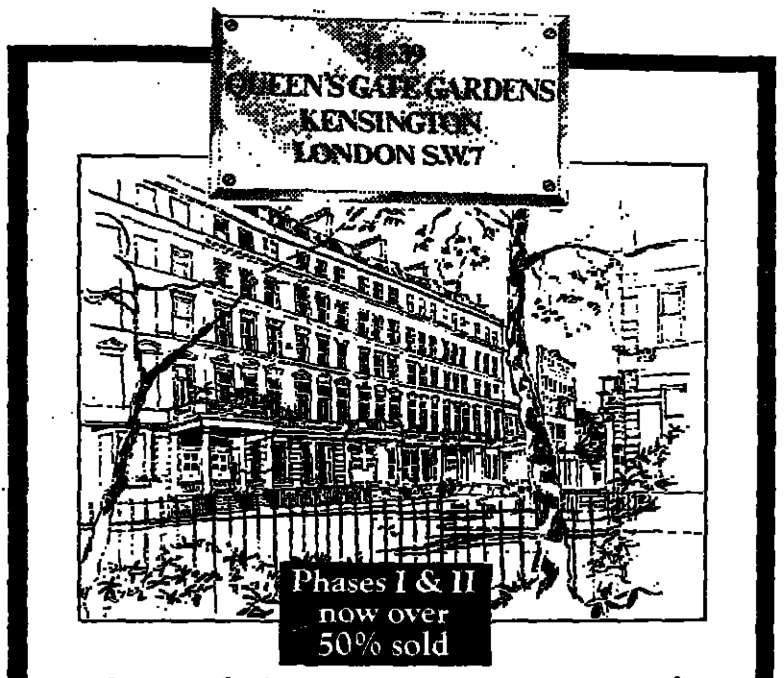

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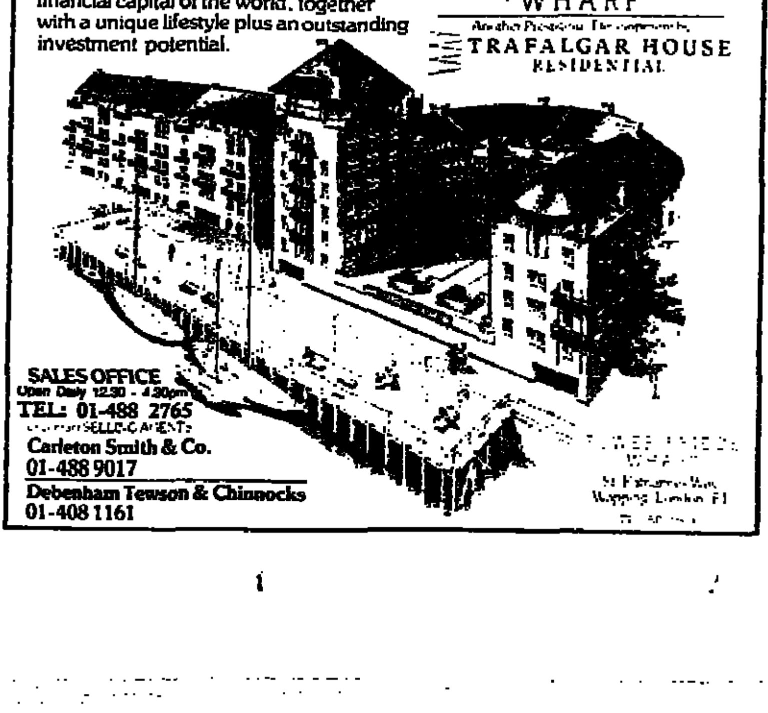

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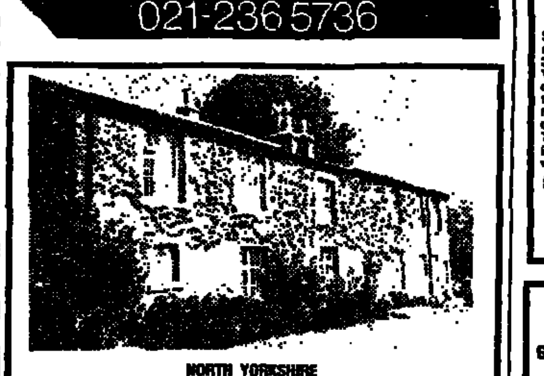

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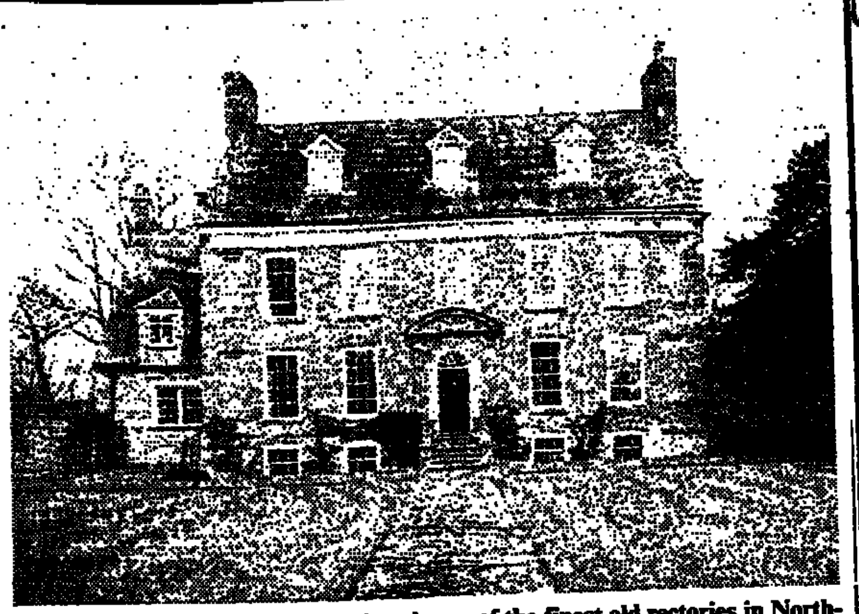
■ **Little Brome, "a handsome timber-framed house" according to Pevsner, is a fine example of Tudor architecture in Warwick, built by the Earl of Warwick for the money-lender John Brome. It was later extended, with a coach-house cottage built to one side and stables on the other, now made into separate residences. The house comprises the two most easterly gables of the original building, retaining period features including carved woodwork to the roof and porch gables, lead snakes' head drain pipes, and gargoyles. It has three reception rooms and four bedrooms. Knight Frank & Rutley at Stratford-upon-Avon wants around £125,000.**

■ A flat in Oxfordshire, sold for £33,950 last September, was resold for £41,650 in February, showing a 22 per cent increase in five months. Flatt & Mead says in its journal *Property Times* that the rising cost of land in Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, often now £500,000 an acre, is taking houses and flats out of the reach of first-time buyers. It reports that in the three counties it covers, prices of terrace houses with two or three bedrooms rose by more than 20 per cent last year. It predicts an overall 1987 price rise of 12 to 15 per cent, lower than last year's, but it expects to sell more homes than in 1986.

■ **Complete with its original machinery, The Windmill at Little Wilbraham, six miles from Cambridge, has been converted into a three-bedroom house with a circular living room 20ft in diameter. The house, built about 1820, stands in nearly a third of an acre looking over farmland. It has partial solar heating. Bidwells, of Cambridge, is seeking offers of more than £100,000.**

■ Pendell House in Bletchingly, Surrey, is a Grade I listed country house built in the early 17th century in a style known as artisan mannerism. It is thought to have been the work of Inigo Jones in 1636 for Richard Glyd, treasurer of Christ's Hospital. It has recently been fully restored, preserving period features including the staircase, which is similar to Inigo Jones' Queen's House at Greenwich, one of the earliest examples of an open staircase. The house has three reception rooms, a billiards room, a gymnasium and sauna, a master bedroom suite, a guest suite and four further bedrooms. There are two cottages, a swimming pool, a tennis court and outbuildings in the grounds of 41 acres, which also contain a grotto and a secret tunnel. Savills is asking around £800,000.



The Old Rectory at Yardley Hastings is one of the finest old rectories in Northamptonshire, with a five-bay façade of brick dating from 1701 but built mainly of stone and probably dating from the mid-16th century. The Grade II listed building has oak panelling from that period, installed from another property when the house was restored under the direction of the late Sir Alfred Richardson in the 1940s. The house, on the edge of the village, and seven miles from Northampton, has four reception rooms, six bedrooms, and a range of outbuildings including stabling. There is also a small cottage in the grounds of about nine acres. Jackson-Stops & Staff's Northampton office is asking for offers around £350,000

The price boom goes on

What effect will the general election have on the residential property market? The answer appears to be "not much", at least if the Conservatives are returned for a third term. A hung Parliament or a Labour victory would be a different matter, says David Mitchell, partner of Dreweatt-Neate, agents based in Newbury, Berkshire.

He believes the election announcement will have little impact. This is partly because there has been a serious shortage of houses for sale at all prices so far this year, while buyers' purchasing power has grown stronger with the recent cuts in interest rates and income tax.

There is in addition, he says, confidence that the Conservatives will be re-elected, so that prospective buyers are prepared to carry 90 per cent mortgages in expectation of further falls in interest rates and direct taxation. He says: "While calling the general election will have no effect on values over the next 12 months, a Conservative victory will give the market stability, and I envisage a further increase of 15 per cent."

Mr Mitchell argues, however, that a hung Parliament will produce uncertainty, and growth will be limited to about 10 per cent, while a Labour victory would see a sudden increase in values of property over £300,000 as people sell equity and reinvest in bricks and mortar. This development would fade, leaving overall growth for the next 12 months at less than 10 per cent.

This confident view for 1987 is echoed by Anthony Ball, head of Strutt & Parker's national estate agency department, who lists the recent income tax cuts, a general increase in disposable income, the possibility of further reductions in interest and mortgage rates, and the prospect of a Conservative victory, as good omens. "There is very little danger of a falling or even static residential market in 1987," he says, and in the firm's spring edition of *Country Properties* offers his predictions for price increases during the year.

Central London prices should rise by 10-15 per cent, and country properties within commuting range of London by 20 per cent, while lower increases of 5 per cent are likely in the South-West, Midlands, North and Scotland.

Salary-prices ratio will act as a brake

Geoffrey van Cutsem, national director of Savills Residential, predicts a 14 per cent increase in the South of England and 10 per cent in the North "which is showing evidence of catching up".

His forecasts are made in the light of the high ratio of house prices to salaries in southern England – 4.6 to 1 – which he believes will act as a brake on the 15-20 per cent annual rise in value which has taken place in the past four years. He fears that otherwise prices will outstrip purchasers' means. He recalls that the ratio touched an all-time high of 4.9 to 1 in 1973 before the fringe bank and property crash of 1974-75 – a thought to bring a shudder to agents and property owners alike, but unlikely to be repeated if these predictions are fulfilled.

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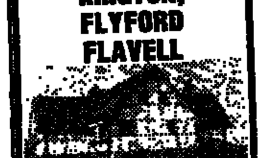

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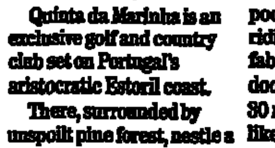

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Peace is declared by Wales' man of war

Richard Moriarty's metamorphosis from head banger to head boy has caused the odd eyebrow to rise alarmingly and induced several cynical snorts — and not just from the Colonel Blimp brigade.

For many Moriarty in the role of a national captain is akin to Attila the Hun leading prayers for peace in Vatican Square. The Swansea lock cum flanker cum No. 8 is notoriety personified. On his own admission a lot of his past was "totally outrageous," both on and off the field.

His propensity for garish headline-hogging was Bothamesque: from a supposed set-to in a night club with the boxer, Colin Jones (who was said to have knocked him flat), to an incident with a former girlfriend. Tales are legion in and around his home patch of Morriston, Swansea: from bar-room brawls to skulduggery in the scrum, Moriarty's the man. Or so they say.

Certain facts, however, speak for themselves. There have been three dismissals, for example, all against his close neighbours, Llanelli, the last of which came 18 months ago and led to his being excluded from the national team for that season. The recipient of Moriarty's ire on that occasion was a certain Phil Davies, who more recently suffered from the fist of Wade Dooley.

"There is no doubt," Moriarty says, "that I've been guilty of serious indiscretions in the past. There have been several instances when I've been just bloody ridiculous and lashed out. I've learnt a great deal from them, though, and I'm sure I'm a wiser, more restrained man."

Moriarty's cries of *mea culpa* will ring hollow to a lot of people. It must be said, though, that when Moriarty took over the captaincy from the injured David Pickering in last year's ill-tempered summer tour to the South Pacific he was a model of propriety.

Indeed, in a ferocious flare-up against Tonga his frequent interventions took the heat out of a fraught situation. Furthermore, in two summer stints in Australia, with the Sydney club, Western Suburbs, Moriarty was voted "best and fairest player" after marks awarded throughout the season.

Conclusive proof that the erstwhile sinner has sprouted a halo and wings and started to flutter heavenwards?

"I'd like to think I'm going that way," he says, "but no one can absolutely predict how they'll react in certain circumstances. However, I feel I now know myself a lot better, know my weaknesses, and although I won't become a soft touch I certainly won't put it about as much as perhaps I once did."

On one level there is no doubt that the bad-boy image is justified. However, to a large extent Moriarty has also been the victim of the tittle-tattle syndrome.

Even his dear old mum, Margaret, was beginning to question him. "I'd spent the evening chatting about all the rumours and tales, trying to put to rest all her worries. That's the worst thing, I can take a bit of stick, but it's those around you who suffer most, not knowing what to believe.

"Anyway, next day my mother went to work and up came a woman sounding off about some shenanigans I'd been involved in the night before. 'But he was with me all evening', said my mother. 'Oh, no, he wasn't,' insisted the other. And she just wouldn't listen. I was guilty. So there you are."

Other people's sceptical reaction to Moriarty's selection as captain stemmed from his relative inexperience in the role and his own injury problems. He has had just one season at the helm for Swansea, two thirds of which he missed after a shoulder operation in November.

It was during those five bleak months that Moriarty proved himself a man of character and responsibility. His chairman of selectors, Mike James, recalls:"In all that time he never missed a training session or a selection meeting. Richard has committed himself to the club absolutely and has set a superb example to the other players. In our eyes Richard has a thoroughly undeserved reputation."

Apart from fulfilling the administrative functions of captain, Moriarty also needed to keep in physical trim. With his arm in a sling at training he was able to join in almost everything.

He became especially adept at one-handed catching in the lineouts. Ploughing through the waters at a local pool throughout the winter and a two-week intensive "holiday" in Tenerife in March has ensured that Moriarty is well honed for World Cup action, even though the Welsh Cup final against Cardiff on May 2 was only his fifth game back.

Moriarty knows that his initiation into the role will be a testing one. As Wales's third captain in as many matches (the hooker, Billy James, held the fort against Ireland after Pickering was sacked) he must harness a rather rag-tag army into an effective fighting force before Wales's opening match against Ireland in Wellington on May 25.

The spectre of past successes hangs heavy in Wales and Moriarty sees it as one of his tasks to alleviate those pressures. "Some of the guys react adversely to all the interest. They perform solely as individuals because it's as an individual that they are going to get praised or buried. I want them to be more aware of the team as a unit working together."

Moriarty intends to lead from the front, a prospect which will undoubtedly send a few *frissons* round the land. But there will be no tub-thumping, rabble-rousing, pre-match speeches. "They don't need it at that stage. Just a quiet word here and there." Just turned 30, Moriarty as elder statesman is quite a transformation.

Mick Cleary

Steering away from sin: the acceptable face of Richard Moriarty

BOXING

Warren is hoping Hearns will have regard for history

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Frank Warren, the London promoter, was waiting yesterday to hear whether Thomas Hearns, the World Boxing Council light-heavyweight champion, was going to take up the $600,000 (about £364,000) offer from the London promoter to box Michael Olajide, the Nigerian-born Canadian, for the vacant International Boxing Federation title.

After Warren succeeded with his $1.2 million (about £727,000) bid to stage the "Fight for History", Olajide accepted immediately but Hearns wanted time to think whether this was the right bout to give him a place in history as the first boxer to win world titles at four weights. The Canadian is a highly regarded boxer.

The president of the IBF, Bob Lee, has given him 24 hours to make up his mind. There was talk of Herol Graham, of Sheffield, stepping in if Hearns drops out. That looks unlikely as Graham's manager, B J Eastwood, would like to promote his boxer's world title bout himself. Eastwood says Graham will meet the World Boxing Association No. 2 contender, Iran Barkley (an easier opponent than Olajide), for the vacant title.

Warren hopes that Hearns will not walk away from history. He hopes to stage the IBF bout in London later this year. He said yesterday: "As Britain is historically the home of boxing, the Fight for History should go on in London."

This bid marks a big stride in Warren's promotional operations. This is the first time that Warren has won the right on his own to stage a world title bout between two foreigners. He has always realized that British fans will pay to see world-class foreign boxers in a British ring. Warren has put on shows in Birmingham and London in which boxers like Tim Witherspoon and Tyrell Biggs have faced American opponents.

Warren never misses a chance to expand his operations and will even promote abroad in association with local promoters. He has jointly promoted Terry Marsh in Monte Carlo and Paris and Jimmy Price in Atlantic City.

"I am a first division promoter and as such I must take every opportunity to promote a good fight. I will bid for fights anywhere in the world because television makes anything possible. And it just goes to show a British promoter can win a big fight like the Hearns-Olajide one, even against Americans," Warren said.

He added: "If Hearns wants a piece of history it is there for the taking. I was determined to put on this fight after Marvin Hagler was stripped by the IBF for fighting Leonard and not Olajide and Hearns got his third title by beating Andries.

"The potentialities of this fight were obvious. Hearns has a big following in Britain and has always said he wants to come back here." The last time Hearns boxed in Britain he was an amateur.

Hearns's indecision is understandable. He has not had a big money contest since losing to Hagler two years ago and while Warren's offer is a great improvement on the $180,000 (about £109,000) he received for challenging Andries, it is not the kind of money his manager, Emmanuel Steward, the director of the Kronk gym, in Detroit, was hoping for.

Steward had in mind a multi-million dollar return against Sugar Ray Leonard, the WBC middleweight champion.

TENNIS: OLYMPICS NOT FOR PROFESSIONALS, LEADING AMERICAN SAYS

McEnroe boost for amateurs

From Richard Evans, Rome

The Roman arena in Nimes is still standing even though John McEnroe rocked it to its first-century foundations by pulling out at two sets all in his exhibition match with Henri Leconte on Sunday.

Although there were mitigating circumstances, neither the 12,000 crowd nor the promoters were particularly amused; but if another tale of McEnroe-inspired uproar — albeit an unfamiliar one — strikes fear into the hearts of the International Olympic Committee, they can relax. McEnroe will not be competing in Seoul next year despite the IOC's decision in Istanbul this week to admit tennis to the Olympic Games

His attitude, although considerably at odds with the public image, is wholly typical of the private man. "It may be good to have tennis as an Olympic sport but I don't think the touring pros should play," he said. "We would take too much attention away from the traditional Olympic sports. A guy who spends four years practising the discus deserves his moment of glory. We have enough moments of glory already."

McEnroe feels that tennis in Seoul should be restricted to amateurs, insisting that the players know who the "amateurs" are even if the officials find the term difficult to define.

In Nîmes, McEnroe found himself forced into a situation not of his own making. His European agent, Sergio Palmieri, had agreed that the final should be played as the best of five sets and then omitted to tell McEnroe.

"It was completely my fault," Palmieri insisted. "John only agreed to play the best of five because I had made the commitment but after four sets he felt a twinge in his back

Computer firm's gift

The Bristol Trophy, the £80,000 pre-Wimbledon men's tennis grand prix to be played at Redland Green from June 15 to 20, was given a boost yesterday by the computer firm ICL, who agreed to contribute £20,000 to the prize fund.

Early entries for the tournament are Jonas Svensson, a Swede, who was outstanding in the final with Yannick Noah, of France, in the Benson and Hedges championships at Wembley last November, and last year's Bristol winner, Vijay Amritraj.

GOLF

Match-play sponsors renew commitment

Epson have confirmed that they will continue sponsorship of the Grand Prix of Europe match-play championship for the next two years. Next season's event will be worth £275,000, rising to £300,000 in 1989.

The computer company will also continue to sponsor the monthly and annual Epson shooting star awards, which are aimed at encouraging younger players on the circuit.

The qualifying field for the 1988 event, limited to 56 players, will be linked to the final placings in the current order of merit. Mats Lanner, the winner at Chepstow on Sunday, has jumped from 68th to second place in the PGA European tour rankings with his £50,000 victory prize.

- Every birdie and eagle scored during the Elite Champions challenge charity match at Wentworth on May 20 will earn £500 for the PGA European tour benevolent trust.

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Ireland hideaway

By George Ace

Herol Graham, of Sheffield, the unbeaten European middleweight champion, will complete his training in Belfast for his title defence against Sambu Kalambay, of Ghana, at Wembley on May 26.

Graham is being prepared by Eddie Shaw, the long-time trainer to Barry McGuigan, and Fredrico Plummer, who had Wilfredo Gomez, the former world champion, under his wing for six years. The two men prepared Dave McAuley for his recent world flyweight contest

Graham, who will follow the McGuigan ritual of living in Bangor and training in the Barney Eastwood gymnasium in Belfast, will use South American sparring partners.

Eastwood, his manager, explained: "It is better for Graham to be away from the distractions of Sheffield. He is in good nick, but you cannot afford to take any chances against a boxer who has lost only three fights in 44".

- Joe Bugner, who is ranked No. 20 in the World Boxing Council rankings, is not about to move up to No. 10 so that he can meet Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight champion, a WBC spokesman said in Mexico City.

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RACING: DERBY FAVOURITE REFERENCE POINT MAKES HIS SEASONAL DEBUT IN THE MECCA-DANTE STAKES AT YORK

Progressive Colchis is equal to searching York examination

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With the Derby only three weeks away all eyes will be on the current favourite, Reference Point, at York today when he re-appears in the Mecca-Dante Stakes.

However, when this classic trial finally comes to the boil I think we will see the less well known Colchis in command. Henry Cecil, Reference Point's trainer, has said all along that he believes the colt will need this race to put him right for Epsom because he was so late beginning strong work following a sinus operation.

In the circumstances I am happy to side with Colchis, who made such a deep impression at Bath 15 days ago when he made a triumphant racecourse debut. It was not so much what he beat but the way he did it that was so captivating.

Last into the comparatively short straight he passed his six rivals on the wide outside as only a good horse could and won easily. While the opposition today is certainly much stiffer I know that Cash Asmussen was sufficiently impressed by Colchis to recommend this considerable step up in class to trainer Barry Hills without a moment's hesitation.

The presence of Deputy Governor, Gulf King and Persifleur in the field will help make this the most enlightening Derby trial of the season thus far. Deputy Governor, sixth in the 2,000 Guineas, beaten just under three lengths, should do even better over this longer distance if breeding means anything.

Gulf King has already won a group race at Sandown while the French colt, Persifleur, makes the trip from Chantilly fresh from winning the Prix Greffulhe over this same distance at Longchamp.

By Lyphard's Wish, who won this race eight years ago, Persifleur had only a head, a neck and three-quarters of a length to spare in a blanket finish which concerned the first four and to me that says the form could well be suspect. However Patrick-Louis Biancone would not be sending him on a wild goose chase.

Barry Hills: has good prospects of a double at York

When Gulf King won the classic trial at Sandown he beat Grand Tour by half a length. Last Sunday the latter was again beaten in a photo finish for the Italian derby. That form also looks suspect at this level.

Following that emphatic performance at Sandown, where she was running on strongly at the finish, Endearing should initiate a double for Hills and Asmussen by winning the 'Race-A-Round Yorkshire' Stakes, but stable companion, Always Special, who is expected to go well in the BBA Middleton Stakes, may well be thwarted by both Glint Of Victory and Nuryana.

On 8lb better terms for only a head beating in the Victoria Cup Saker can take his revenge on Fusilier in the Holsten Pils Handicap, but today's nap is **Gun Rule** to win the Wilkinson Memorial Stakes. George Robinson, our Newmarket correspondent, assures me that his promising run behind Domus at Newmarket last month has brought him on considerably.

Hannon colt favourite for Irish Guineas

The 2,000 Guineas winner, Don't Forget Me, trained by Richard Hannon, is the firm 2-1 ante-post favourite with Dublin bookmakers for Saturday's Irish equivalent at the Curragh.

Right Tack, in 1969, was the last horse to complete the double, and Don't Forget Me will again be ridden by Willie Carson, who has been released by Major Dick Hern from stable commitments this weekend.

Midyan, third to Don't Forget Me at Newmarket, Adjal, fourth, and Risk Me, twelfth, are also among the four-day declarations although both Midyan and Risk Me hold alternative engagements in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury on Friday.

Authaal, the winner of last season's Irish St Leger, heads nine four-day entries for the Tattersalls Rogers Gold Cup on the same programme. The English challenge includes the Paul Cole-trained Nisnas and Gesedeh, trained by Michael Jarvis.

AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (group I: 1m): Ajdal, Baba Karam, Big Shuffle, Don't Forget Me, Entitled, Island Reef, Kamplight, Midyan, Risk Me, Stately Don.

Impressive Indian Skimmer prompts Cecil to consider Chantilly date with Miesque

By Michael Seely

Indian Skimmer took a step nearer superstar status when overwhelming Bourbon Girl and Mountain Memory in the Tattersalls Musidora Stakes at York yesterday.

Rocketing past her only two rivals over a furlong from home the 2-1 on favourite sprinted clear for a four-length win. "She does it so quickly," said Steve Cauthen. "I didn't have to ask her any question at all."

Unfortunately Indian Skimmer was never entered in the Oaks. "She was so backward and unimpressive that I decided against it," said Henry Cecil. "I've still got some useless fillies left in the Classic so I must have made a mistake."

Indian Skimmer first hit the headlines when beating Percy's Lass, the current Oaks favourite so comfortably in the Pretty Polly stakes at Newmarket. "She was rather headstrong that day," Cauthen continued. "She relaxed beautifully this afternoon. She is learning fast and is a real racehorse, but I'm not sure she'll stay a mile and a half."

Outlining the filly's future programme Cecil went on: "I would first like to send her for the Prix de Diane as it would be a lot of fun to take on to Miesque." News came in during the afternoon that Miesque had worked well at Lamorlaye yesterday morning and that Francois Boutin's impressive winner of the 1,000 Guineas is now on target for the French equivalent on Sunday.

The powers of acceleration shown by Indian Skimmer are the very stuff of racing and it would come as no surprise to see Sheikh Mohammed's Storm Bird filly take on the colts later in the season, perhaps in events such as the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Ascot.

Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes confirmed this when he said: "If Indian Skimmer had been in the Oaks I'd have been offering her at 6-4 and they would have been knocking me over to take that price." The London firm now has Percy's Lass as their favourite at 7-1. They then go 9-1 Milligram, 10-1 Mamauna and 12-1 Bourbon Girl.

Overdrive had earlier initiated a double for Cecil when taking the Lambson Chemical Stakes under Willie Ryan by 2½ lengths from Corbadge. However, she, too, will not run in the Oaks. "Overdrive is still a baby and was all over the place when she hit the front. But she should improve and could make into a Park Hill Stakes filly," Cecil said.

Narjis gave the Newmarket trainer, Tom Jones, his first two-year-old winner of the season when she easily justified heavy support in the EBF Zetland Stakes. The 11-8 favourite, owned by Hamdan Al-Maktoum, was tenderly handled by Richard Hills, who had his mount up with the leaders from the start.

Inside the last two furlongs Hills asked Narjis to assert her authority and she drew away to beat Breakaway by three-quarters of a length.

YORK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Endearing.
2.35 Glimpse Of Victory.
3.05 Saker.
3.40 Colchis.
4.10 Hooray Lady.
4.45 GUN RULE (*nap*).

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Catimini.
2.35 Glint Of Victory.
3.05 Saker.
3.40 Ascot Knight.
4.10 Good Sailing.
4.45 GUN RULE (nap).

By Michael Seely

3.05 SAKER (nap). 3.40 Reference Point.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 GUN RULE (nap)

Going: good to firm **Draw: low numbers best**

2.0 RACE-A-ROUND YORKSHIRE STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,433: 6f) (14 runners)

101	(13)	114	CATIMINI 21 (BF,S) (M Andree) John FitzGerald 9-3	R Hills	94
102	(9)	31	DIRECTORS' CHOICE 18 (F) (P Scarborough) D A Wilson 9-3	W Newnes	97
104	(5)	11	L'ADDITION 26 (S) (S Berry) J Berry 9-3	P Cook	98
105	(14)	41	ENDEARING 19 (G) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-12	C Asmussen	● 99
110	(2)	0	KRISFIELD 11 (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-11	Pat Eddery	90
112	(10)		LORD SUNDAY SPORT (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 8-11	J Williams	—
113	(8)		MANS NO ANGEL (T Ramsden) A Bailey 8-11	R Carter (5)	—
115	(7)		PONTEVECCHIO NOTTE (W Mariti) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	G Duffield	—
117	(6)		SLIP AND STICK (R Trussell Jr) B Hanbury 8-11	R Cochrane	—
118	(3)		STATED CASE (P Muldoon) M H Easterby 8-11	J Bleasdale	—
119	(1)	0	STEVERE 4 (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 8-11	NON-RUNNER	—
120	(11)		WATERTIGHT (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	—
121	(12)	0	WAVERLEY STAR 19 (S Pedersen) J Wainwright 8-11	T Ives	—
122	(4)		WESTERN GUN (C Wacker III) R Armstrong 8-11	B Thomson	—

BETTING: 2-1 Endearing, 7-2 L'Addition, 6-1 Catimini, Directors Choice, 8-1 Watertight, 10-1 Krisfield, 12-1 Pontevecchio Notte, Slip And Stick, 14-1 others.

1986: QUEL ESPRIT 9-3 S Cauthen (11-4 fav) M McCormack

FORM CATIMINI (9-6) stayed on wellover 5f at Pontefract last time (£2129, good, Apr 22, 9 ran) when 2l 4th to Brocklesby winner Great Chaddington (9-1).

DIRECTOR'S CHOICE (9-0) needed to be rousted along to beat Red Dollar (9-0) a short head at Sandown (5f, £3220, good to firm, Apr 25, 10 ran).

L'ADDITION has only raced on soft ground, last time (8-5) a 1½l winner from Native River (8-0) at Ripon (5f, £1990, Apr 15, 20 ran).

ENDEARING (8-11) was held up last time, then came with a strong run in the final furlong to beat Timely (8-11) 2l at Sandown (5f, £3283, good, Apr 24, 11 ran)

KRISFIELD (9-0) may well improve on a gentle introduction 8l behind Babita (8-9) at Newmarket (5f, £4052, good, May 2, 9 ran).

Selection: ENDEARING

2.35 B B A MIDDLETON GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £4,513: 1m 2f 110yd) (13 runners)

C 4

205	(5)	2-1	NOM DE PLUME 25 (S) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-1	S Cauthen	87
206	(2)	0	ALWAYS SPECIAL 29 (Sir E Harrison) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	80
207	(8)	0-	BUNCHED 201 (Lord Ronaldshay) P Calver 8-11	M Fry	—
210	(10)	00-	GLINT OF VICTORY 206 (K Al-Said) J Hindley 8-11	M Hills	● 99
211	(12)	00	GLO NOBLE 9 (Whiteoaks Ltd) C Spares 8-11	A Proud	58
213	(1)	4323-23	JUST KALA 7 (Mrs P Walwyn) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	98
214	(4)	20-3	MISS STORM BIRD 23 (BF) (J Mabee) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	94
216	(11)	0-04	NURYANA 14 (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-11	Pat Eddery	93
218	(9)	4-	TROYES 214 (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	W Carson	82
219	(7)	0-	WHICH DIRECTION 211 (R Ogden) J Hanson 8-11	J H Brown	—
220	(6)		GALA PARADE (S Niarchos) J Tree 8-8	R Cochrane	—
221	(3)		GOLD BRACELET (H Van Cutsem) B Hanbury 8-8	B Raymond	—
222	(13)		KHAIYLA (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-8	T Ives	—

BETTING: 11-4 Nuryana, 9-2 Miss Storm Bird, 11-2 Nom de Plume, 6-1 Gala Parade, Glint Of Victory, 10-1 Always Special, Troyes, 12-1 Just Kala, 14-1 others.

1986: GULL NOOK 8-4 Pat Eddery (3-1 fav) J Dunlop 9 ran

FORM NOM DE PLUME (8-11) landed the odds with the minimum of fuss by 3l from Island Belle (8-11) at Newcastle last time (1m, £2007, good to soft, Apr 18, 10 ran) and is likely to improve over this distance.

NURYANA (8-11) started the season with a 6¾l 5th to Morconette (8-11) at Newmarket (7f, £4565, good, Apr 14, 17 ran) with ALWAYS SPECIAL (8-11) a 33/1 shot and unplaced.

Recently NURYANA (8-11) was a staying on 2¾l 4th to Unite (8-11) at Ascot (1m, £8558, good to firm, Apr 29, 14 ran).

BUNCHED (8-8) finished 7¼l 5th to Prime Prince (8-11) at Doncaster last season (7f, £1291, good to soft, Oct 24, 12 ran).

GLINT OF VICTORY (8-8) finished a good 3½l 3rd (subsequently disqualified) to At Risk (8-9) in a Group 3 event at Newmarket (7f, £13320, good, Oct 17, 13 ran) with MISS STORM BIRD (8-8) 3¾l back in 7th.

MISS STORM BIRD (8-8) showed better form on racecourse debut when a length 2nd to Bourbon Girl (8-8) at Ascot (7f, £6311, good to firm, Sep 26, 10 ran).

JUST KALA (9-0) finished 2¾l 3rd to Chaudennay (9-0) in a Listed race at Chester (1m 4f 65y, £15562, firm, May 6, 8 ran).

TROYES (8-8) will improve considerably on a 7l 4th to Tartuffe (9-6) at Ascot (7f, £9646, good to firm, Oct 11, 6 ran).

Selection: NURYANA

3.5 HOLSTEN PILS STAKES (Limited Handicap: £9,489: 1m) (12 runners)

C 4

301	(2)	21D41/0	SLANEY 14 (CD,G,S) (K Abdulla) J Tree 5-9-7	Pat Eddery	—
302	(12)	1100-20	VAGUE SHOT 19 (D,F,G,S) (A Anthony) R Casey 4-9-3	S Cauthen	86
303	(11)	211300-	PASTICCIO 209 (F) (T Warner) M Jarvis 4-9-1	B Raymond	87
304	(8)	04010-2	SAKER 14 (D,G) (M Al Maktoum) L Cumani 4-8-8	R Cochrane	● 99
305	(7)	D40-420	DE RIGUEUR (14 D,BF,F,S) (M Al Maktoum) L Cumani 4-8-8	C Asmussen	93
307	(1)	230-132	HANDLEBAR 4 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs M Haggas) J Watts 5-8-2	N Connorton	89
308	(6)	011120-	CAPTAIN'S NIECE 193 (D,F) (N Phillips) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-2	Dale Gibson (7)	83
309	(5)	040-020	WELL RIGGED 23 (D,BF,G,S) (Mrs J Mountfield) M H Easterby 6-8-0	W Carson	87
310	(3)	02300-0	COINCIDENTAL 14 (G,S) (R Sangster) B Hills 5-8-0	M Hills	85
312	(10)	1002-01	FUSILIER 14 (B,F,G) (R Richards) C Brittain 5-8-0 (5ex)	A Mackay	92
313	(9)	000-110	RED RUSSELL 8 (D,G,S) (P Carr) Mrs G Reveley 6-8-0	J Lowe	87
314	(4)	00/0200-	MERITMOORE 200 (G Borek) G Moore 4-8-0	M Fry	81

BETTING: 4-1 Saker, 9-2 Fusilier, 6-1 Handlebar, 15-2 Vague Shot, Slaney, 8-1 De Rigueur, Red Russell, 10-1 Well Rigged, 12-1 Captain's Niece, Pasticcio, 14-1 others.

1986: ESQUIRE 4-8-13 B Thomson (11-2) B Hills 13 ran

FORM FUSILIER, is not the most reliable of animals but responded well to pressure last time when (7-9) getting up to beat SAKER (8-11) a head at Ascot (7f, £14109, good to firm, Apr 29, 20 ran) with DE RIGUEUR (8-7) 10th, COINCIDENTAL (8-2) 11th and SLANEY (9-10), having first outing for 2 seasons, out of the first 12.

PASTICCIO, yet to win beyond 7f, but (8-10) ran creditable 5th, beaten about 5l, to Dallas (9-6) in the Cambridgeshire at Newmarket last year (1m 110y, £37281, good to firm, Oct 4, 31 ran).

HANDLEBAR has run 2 good races on fast ground since (9-0) beating WELL RIGGED (9-4) 2½l on good to soft at Thirsk (1m, £2826, good to soft, Apr 10, 17 ran)

COINCIDENTAL is best judged on last season's (9-11) neck 2nd to Bowl Over (8-7) at Lingfield (7f 140y, £2998, good, Jul 26, 16 ran).

Selection: SAKER

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.40 MECCA-DANTE STAKES (Group II: 3-Y-O: £79,983: 1m 2f 110yd) (8 runners)

C 4

402	(5)	2	ASCOT KNIGHT 13 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	83
403	(4)	1	COLCHIS 15 (F) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-0	C Asmussen	85
404	(8)	31122-2	DEPUTY GOVERNOR 11 (G) (Prince A Salman) L Piggott 9-0	T Ives	91
405	(7)	0101-01	GULF KING 18 (C,F,G,S) (Roldvale Ltd) P Kelleway 9-0	P Cook	94
407	(6)	010-2	NINTH SAGA 12 (G) (Mrs V Payson) M Francis 9-0	B Thomson	83
408	(1)	11	PERSIFLEUR 17 (D,F,S) (D Wildenstein) P Biancone (Fr) 9-0	A Cruz	93
409	(2)	311-	REFERENCE POINT 200 (F,G) (L Freedman) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
410	(3)	0-01	ROMANTIC PRINCE 9 (F) (I Allan) C Wall 9-0	Pat Eddery	78

BETTING: 5-2 Reference Point, 3-1 Colchis, 11-2 Ascot Knight, 6-1 Deputy Governor, Gulf King, Persifleur, 8-1 Romantic Prince, 14-1 Ninth Saga.

1986: SHAHRASTANI 9-0 W Swinburn (10-11 fav) M Stoute 7 ran

FORM ASCOT KNIGHT, a £1,400,000 son of Danzig, made a very pleasing racecourse debut when (9-0) 1½l 2nd to Half A Year (9-0) at Newmarket (1m, £4988, good, Apr 30, 18 ran).

Similarly, COLCHIS (8-8) impressed a lot of observers when an easy 1½l winner from Great Aspect (8-13) at Bath (1m 2f 50y, £3954, firm, Apr 28, 7 ran).

DEPUTY GOVERNOR (9-0) improved on best juvenile form when 4½l 6th to Don't Forget Me (9-0) in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket (1m, £96928, good, May 2, 13 ran).

GULF KING (8-12) caused a 25/1 upset in the Guardian Classic Trial at Sandown (1m 2f, £23814, good to firm, Apr 25, 8 ran) when a ½l winner from Grand Tour (8-7).

NINTH SAGA (8-13) ran as though this trip would suit when 1½l 2nd to Genghiz (8-10) at Newmarket (1m 2f, £11531, good to firm, May 1, 5 ran).

PERSIFLEUR (9-2) beat Kailas (9-2) a head in a Group 2 event at Longchamp (1m 2m 110y, £40966, firm, Apr 26, 10 ran).

REFERENCE POINT (9-0) was officially rated the best juvenile in Europe on the strength of a 5l win over Bengal Fire (9-0) in the Futurity at Doncaster (1m, £44120, good, Oct 25, 10 ran).

ROMANTIC PRINCE (9-0) quickened nicely to beat Santella Grey (9-0) 2l in a Haydock maiden (1m 40y, £2826, good to firm, May 4, 17 ran).

Selection: REFERENCE POINT

4.10 MAIL ON SUNDAY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,635: 1m) (10 runners)

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502	(9)	1	PIXIE ERIN 32 (S) (R Sangster) B Hills 9-7	C Asmussen	98
503	(10)	010-0	GOOD SAILING 14 (S) (D McIntyre) R Sheather 9-7	A Shoults (3)	80
505	(3)	04-221	HOORAY LADY 21 (G) (British Thoroughbred) P Cole 9-5	T Quinn	93
506	(1)	400-4	CORVIGLIA RUN 9 (J Kenny) R Hannon 9-4	Pat Eddery	91
507	(7)	112000-	GLOW AGAIN 235 (F,S) (Mrs G Liversidge) J Etherington 9-4	S Webster	92
508	(2)	0204-	ACHNAHUAIGH 205 (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 9-0	B Thomson	90
509	(6)	001-000	MADAM BILLA 12 (S) (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-0	W Carson	94
510	(4)	0013-00	MISS SARAJANE 25 (D,F) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 7-12	A Culhane (5)	● 99
511	(8)	00-0	MILLFIELDS HOUSE 23 (M Higgins) B McMahon 7-11	J Lowe	95
512	(5)	204100-	MAZURKANOVA 236 (G) (M D M Racing) C Thornton 7-7	L Charnock	91

BETTING: 9-4 Pixie Erin, 11-4 Hooray Lady, 6-1 Miss Sarajane, 15-2 Corviglia Run, 8-1 Mazurkanova, 10-1 Good Sailing, Glow Again, 12-1 others.

1986: BRAZZAKA 8-10 T Ives (11-4 fav) M Jarvis 10 ran

FORM PIXIE ERIN (8-11) impressive on debut when beating Miss Cuddles (8-11) 2½l at Newbury on heavy ground (7f, £4123, Apr 11, 10 ran).

HOORAY LADY (9-1) led inside the distance when beating Just Kala (9-1) a length at Epsom (1m 110y, £4558, good, Apr 22, 11 ran).

CORVIGLIA RUN (9-7) never nearer when just over 3l 4th to Lord Patrick (8-8) at Kempton (7f, £2948, firm, May 4, 15 ran).

GLOW AGAIN ran up an early season hat-trick in 1986, last showed that form when (9-2) 6l 2nd to Chime Time (9-2) here (6f, £4013, good to firm, Jul 11, 4 ran).

MISS SARAJANE (7-12) best judged on a 2l 3rd to Melody Maker (8-10) at Doncaster (7f, £4480, good to soft, Oct 25, 21 ran) - below that so far this season.

MAZURKANOVA (8-5) last successful when beating Good Time Girl (8-10) 2½l at Haydock (6f, £1516, good, Aug 8, 10 ran).

Selection: PIXIE ERIN

4.45 WILKINSON MEMORIAL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,479: 7f) (10 runners)

601	(9)	4	BOMMING AROUND 11 (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0	J H Brown (5)	88
602	(4)		DOT GAIN (Otterdawn Assoc) D Arbuthnot 9-0	P Wallace	—
603	(5)	0	FULL HEARTED 28 (G Tong) R Armstrong 9-0	P Tulk	—
604	(2)	4	GUN RULE 27 (H Joel) H Cecil 9-0	S Cauthen	● 99
607	(8)	0	RESIDENCY 28 (B Richmond-Watson) D Laing 9-0	Pat Eddery	—
608	(7)	0	ROUNDELAY 28 (S Green) J Payne 9-0	R Cochrane	—
611	(3)	0	AFRICAN QUEEN 32 (H Kaskel) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	87
612	(1)	0	BONNY'S PET 12 (Mrs M Butler) W Elsey 8-11	J Lowe	—
614	(10)		KIRSTAL AIR (Mrs J Hambro) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	—
615	(6)	0	LA REINE D'ESPAGNE 14 (H Price) J Mackie 8-11	B Raymond	—

BETTING: 7-4 African Queen, 2-1 Gun Rule, 6-1 Bomming Around, 8-1 Kristal Air, 10-1 Bonny's Pet, Full Hearted, 12-1 Residency, 20-1 others.

1986: SHARPETTO 9-0 T Ives (14-1) M Albina 11 ran

FORM BOMMING AROUND (9-0) stayed on at one pace inside the final quarter mile when 4½l 4th to Brentano (9-10) at Ripon (1m, £1720, firm, May 2, 8 ran).

FULL HEARTED (9-0), RESIDENCY (9-0) and ROUNDELAY (9-0), who was slowly away, were all out of the first 9 to Note Book (8-11) at Newmarket (6f, £4032, good, Apr 15, 16 ran).

GUN RULE (9-0) showed a good deal of promise on debut when 6l 4th to Domus (9-0), at Newmarket (7f, £3659, good, Apr 16, 20 ran).

AFRICAN QUEEN (8-11) never got in a blow when 10¾l 5th to Pixie Erin (8-11) at Newbury (7f, £4123, heavy, Apr 11, 10 ran) but has scope to improve on that in time.

BONNY'S PET (8-11) was slowly away and was behind until a little late headway carried him into 9th behind First Of All (8-11) at Carlisle (1m, £830, firm, May 1, 13 ran).

Selection: GUN RULE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
H Cecil	25	84	29.8	Pat Eddery	54	264	20.5
J Tree	20	82	24.4	W Carson	58	284	20.4
W Hern	26	117	22.2	S Cauthen	44	276	15.9
P Cole	9	46	19.6	M Hills	10	63	15.9
G Wragg	13	69	18.8	P Cook	9	60	15.0
M Stoute	23	126	18.3	W R Swinburn	22	147	15.0

Asmussen narrowly escapes injury

Cash Asmussen had a fortunate escape from serious injury at York yesterday (Michael Seely writes). His mount in the 'Turn To Yorkshire' Handicap, Auction Fever, ran into the heels of another horse about two furlongs out and Asmussen was thrown.

However, he scrambled under the rails and escaped unhurt, and subsequently rode Game Thatcher into third place behind Orient Line in the next race, the Sledmere Handicap.

Draw made for York challenge

The draw was made yesterday for the Lanson Ladies International Challenge Limited Handicap at York tomorrow.

In what looks a closely-knit race the British riders Maxine Juster and Kelly Marks have drawn the two top-weighted horses, *Jazetas and Blenders* Choice, respectively.

The accomplished Brooke Sanders rides the Lester Piggott-trained Vague Melody but the Belgian rider, Nadine Heymans, has possibly the most enviable mount, being drawn to ride the recent wide-margin Kempton winner, Running Flush.

Saltmarsh has day to savour at Folkestone

Stephen Saltmarsh rode his first winner yesterday when Warrens Boy, the 15-8 favourite, won the Grunwick Stakes National Hunt Flat race at Folkestone. It was trainer David Murray Smith's twelfth winner of the season.

Saltmarsh, aged 21, began his career with Peter Cundell on the Flat, claiming several second *places from 18 rides, but became* too heavy and switched to jump racing.

The East Ilsley trainer, Roddy Armytage, provided the 4-1 on favourite, Rostra, in the four-horse field for the Ted Long Challenge Cup, but advised everyone he met to back the other three. Good advice it proved, too, as Rostra failed to sparkle and after making an expensive mistake three from home was beaten by two lengths by Straight Gin, who was no a hefty 21lb out of the handicap

"Rostra is in season and it makes a big difference to her. Sometimes she just takes root and will not move at all, but it *was such a bad race I had to let* her take her chance. These things always happen at the wrong time," Armytage said.

Full marks, however, to Straight Gin who, ridden by her owner-trainer, Alan Taylor, made all the running and battled on gamely every time the favourite tried to challenge.

WORCESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Dear Bob. 6.30 Maranzi. 7.0 Coral Leisure. 7.30 Ace Of Spies. 8.0 Final Clear. 8.30 New Gold Dream.

Going: firm

6.0 BLAKEDOWN NOVICE SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,094: 2m) (14 runners)

1	3023	DEAR BOB 9 (B,D,BF,S) M Pipe 11-2	R Atkins
3	00P4	SILCA CHIAVI 9 (F) D Elsworth 11-2	C Brown
5	4020	CHORISTERS DREAM 135 (B) J Perrett 10-9	L Harvey (4)
6	04P0	FIC VIC 6 E Wheeler 10-9	R Stronge
10	04	MAN IN THE MOON 5 G Enright 10-9	M Perrett
12	0004	SHOWDANCE 9 G Prest 10-9	R Rowe
14	0043	SONNY HILL LAD 11 A Leighton 10-9	C Smith
15	0PU	BAYVIEW GAL 16 R Juckes 10-4	T Pinfield (7)
19	0P00	FIERY SUNSET 159 (B) Mrs A Knight 10-4	George Knight
20	0	FINANCIAL WIZARD 18 K Bridgwater 10-4	K Ryan (7)
22	02	LA MOLINILLA 9 D Burchell 10-4	D Burchell (7)
24	00	QUITE A QUEST 83 T Caldwell 10-4	P Caldwell (7)
26	P00	SECRET STOLEN 74 (B) B Lay 10-4	Mr A Kelleway (7)
27	00P0	SUNLIT 5 B Llewellyn 10-4	Miss B Llewellyn (7)

11-10 Dear Bob, 4-1 Fic Vic, 9-2 Silca Chiavi, 8-1 La Molinilla, 12-1 Man In The Moon, 14-1 Sonny Hill Lad.

6.30 RAMSDEN HANDICAP CHASE (£1,605: 2m) (13)

2	3423	BRAVE HUSSAR 9 (D,F,G,S) R Curtis 9-11-9	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (4)
3	0PP4	STUBBS DAUGHTER 11 (D,F,G,S) K Bailey 10-11-9	P Croucher
4	PUP0	GRINGO 11 (F) J Honeyball 8-11-8	Peter Hobbs
6	2204	TUMBLE JIM 7 (D,F,G) T Cunningham 8-10-11	C Grant
7	4243	MARANZI 11 (CD,BF,F,G,S) J Colston 9-10-11	C Smith
8	1242	JUVENILE PRINCE 9 (D,G,S) M Oliver 9-10-9	E Buckley (4)
9	30B1	YANGTSE-KIANG 11 (CD,F) J Bradley 7-10-9 (7ex)	D Tegg (7)
12	4402	CHELSEA ISLAND 23 (D,F,G) W Taylor 12-10-3	M Muggeridge (7)
13	02B0	MARINA STAR 11 (V,CD,F,G,S) O O'Neill 8-10-3	A Carroll
14	U4B0	CHESTNUT PRINCE 23 (CD,F) P Pritchard 12-10-2	R Stronge
15	200U	RENREBO 181 (D,F,G,) G Richards 10-10-2	P Tuck
16	0B00	ROYAL MANX 9 (D,F) B Palling 10-10-0	C Evans
18	00PU	INDIAN SIGNAL 18 (S) R Lee 8-10-0	W Knox (4)

3-1 Yangtse-Kiang, 7-2 Chelsea Island, 9-2 Brave Hussar, Maranzi, 5-1 Juvenile Prince, 10-1 Stubbs Daughter.

7.0 KERSWELL GREEN HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,252: 2m) (11)

5	U030	COCAINE 56 (D,F,S) C Holmes 9-11-7	K Burke (4)
6	0-02	CORAL LEISURE 20 (B,D,F,G) G Balding 10-11-6	R Guest
10	0002	DIENAU'S TROVE 7 (B,D,F,G,S) H Collingridge 6-10-6	P Dennis (4)
11	0003	MATCH MASTER 11 (CD,F,G) H O'Neill 8-10-5	R Dunwoody
13	0200	SIR LUCKY 11 (B,F,S) B McMahon 8-10-1	—
15	0P00	FLORI WONDER 12 (CD,F,G) G Roe 7-10-0	P McDermott (7)
18	1P/0	INDIAN MOONSHINE 11 (D,F) W Turner 7-10-0	Tracy Turner (7)
19	P044	BROCHE 13 (D,F,G) K Bishop 6-10-0	L Harvey (4)
23	02-0	IN THE BREEZE 242 (D,F) P Arthur 5-10-0	F Rafferty (7)
24	3000	BALLYSEEDY HERO 5 (D,F,G) Miss P O'Connor 9-10-0	G Landau
25	0000	SAULINGO SONG 167 P Dunstan 8-10-0	W McFarland (7)

9-4 Coral Leisure, 11-4 Dienau's Trove, 7-2 Match Master, 13-2 Sir Lucky, 8-1 Broche, 14-1 Cocaine, 25-1 others.

7.30 RHYDD NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,000: 2m 4f) (12)

2	P002	ACE OF SPIES 13 (B,F,S) Mrs G Jones 6-11-10	J Bryan
5	2040	CRADLE OF JAZZ 25 (F,S) J Old 7-10-12	G Bradley
8	0P0F	HADDAK 13 (CD,F) B Palling 6-10-9	C Evans
13	PFP0	TAKE A BOW 13 (B,F) R Barber 11-10-0	Peter Hobbs
14	0-P4	ROODLE DOODLE 5 O Carter 7-10-0	—
15	444U	FOLLY HILL 9 (G) G Thorner 7-10-0	C Brown
21	FUF0	BILL CORNWALL 9 Mrs I McKie 8-10-0	—
24	-PP0	HOPWAS 9 B McMahon 8-10-0	N Coleman
26	0PP	BOOTHS BOY 23 B Smart 6-10-0	C Llewellyn (7)
28	P-P0	CLAIR SOLEIL 76 Mrs J Croft 7-10-0	A Gorman
29	PPP0	CALL UP 9 (B) A Nightingale 7-10-0	P Dever
30	00P0	JANEYS DELIGHT 13 J P Smith 6-10-0	K Ryan (7)

11-8 Ace Of Spies, 7-2 Cradle Of Jazz, 4-1 Folly Hill, 14-1 Roodle Doodle, Haddak, 16-1 Take A Bow, 20-1 Hopwas.

8.0 MADRESFIELD HANDICAP CHASE (£1,870: 3m) (8)

7	4084	SOINTULLA BOY 11 (CD,F,G,S) T Houlbrooke 12-11-7	Mr T Houlbrooke
10	3P04	SLIPALONG 23 (C,G,S) P Jones 10-10-13	M Kinane
11	3101	FINAL CLEAR 9 (D,F) J Old 9-10-13 (5ex)	C Llewellyn (7)
12	0003	PRINCELY LAD 4 (C,F) M Tate 9-10-3	G Landau
13	P800	CITADEL ROC 23 (B,F,S) J Bradley 12-10-2	D Tegg (7)
14	-230	ABOUSHABUN 57 (C,F,S) G Ham 7-10-2	B Powell
15	44P0	JIMMY MIFF 11 (CD,F,G,S) I Wardle 15-10-1	R Rowe
17	0900	WOODLAND GENERATOR 9 (S) P Prichard 8-10-0	R Stronge

3-1 Final Clear, 7-2 Slipalong, 4-1 Sointulla Boy, 6-1 Princely Lad, 8-1 Aboushabun, 10-1 Jimmy Miff.

8.30 STONEHALL NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,485: 2m 4f) (6)

3	3201	NEW GOLD DREAM 20 (D,F,G) D Nicholson 6-12-0 (7ex)	R Dunwoody
10	00P1	JOIST 5 (B,F) M Pipe 5-11-8 (7ex)	P Scudamore
25	-U00	DUDLEY'S IMPACT 11 J Eaton 5-10-8	Mr M Richards (4)
29	0004	MARITA ANN 9 (B) J Webber 6-10-6	G Mernagh
33	P-00	ARROWOOD JUNCTION 18 A Nightingale 7-10-3	P Dever
36	P-0	SHUTTLECOCK DARTER 20 P Garvey 7-10-0	G Williams

5-4 New Gold Dream, 3-1 Joist, 5-1 Marita Ann, 8-1 Dudley's Impact, 12-1 Arrowood Junction.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 24 winners from 130 runners, 18.5%; J Old, 12 from 74, 16.2%. (Only qualifiers).

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 40 winners from 248 rides, 16.1%; R Dunwoody, 12 from 104, 11.5%; B Powell, 10 from 126, 7.9%. (Only qualifiers).

BRIGHTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Segovian.
2.45 The Ute.
3.15 Highly Recommended.
3.50 Daarkom.
4.20 Rock Chanteur.
4.50 Rendicus.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Inshad.
2.45 Menzies Flyer.
3.15 Beechwood Cottage.
3.50 Daarkom.
4.20 —
4.50 Rendicus.

Michael Seely's selection: 4.20 Rock Chanteur.

Going: firm **Draw: 5f-6f low numbers best**

2.15 WEBSTERS YORKSHIRE BITTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,134: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(7)	010-00	KING KRIMSON 9 (B,D,G) (K Al-Said) J Hindley 9-7	N Day	91
2	(2)	031-0	INSHAD 25 (CD,F) (H Al-Maktoum) A Stewart 9-4	M Roberts	85
4	(10)	0030-0	SALINAS 16 (Mrs F Veasey) J Winter 8-9	B Rouse	85
6	(8)	041302-	ORIENTAL JADE 281 (B,D,F) (N Rigg) D Morley 8-8	M Wigham	87
7	(1)	0230-00	EAGLE'S NEST 5 (A Richards) C Austin 8-7	P Waldron	89
8	(11)	00-0	KIKUYU 21 (K Abdulla) R Smyth 8-6	S Whitworth	98
12	(3)	00-0	STARSIGN 30 (R Webber) R Smyth 8-1	S Dawson	—
13	(5)	004-040	MISS JASMINE 5 (W Cox) D Marks 8-1	P Robinson	86
14	(4)	0000-	MARTIAN MELODY 219 (A Hogan) W Brooks 7-12	T Williams	—
15	(6)	000001-	YOUNG CENTURION 216 (V,D,F) (T Marshall) M Usher 7-10	D McKay	90
16	(9)	00000-1	SEGOVIAN 16 (CD,F) (T Mountain) W Wightman 7-8 (10ex)	G French	● 99

BETTING: 9-4 Kikuyu, 7-2 Segovian, 6-1 Inshad, 13-2 King Krimson, 7-1 Oriental Jade, 8-1 Young Centurion, 10-1 Salinas, 12-1 others.

1986: TUSSAC 9-8 W Ryan (1-2 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

2.45 JONES VENDING SELLING STAKES (£968: 1m) (17 runners)

3	(13)		INNER CALM (B Newport) C James 4-9-9	R Curant	—
4	(15)	0410-00	MOSTANGO 16 (BF,CD,F) (D Myers) M Haynes 4-9-9	B Rouse	85
5	(8)	000-000	RUN BY JOVE 29 (V,D,S) (Newmarket Racing) P Haslam 4-9-9	T Williams	92
6	(16)	4200-00	RUPERT BROOKE 30 (H Man) A Moore 4-9-9	D McKay	77
8	(11)	3300-00	TEMPERENCE WAY 29 (B) (T Ramsden) R Simpson 4-9-9	M Gallagher (7)	88
9	(17)		TENDER TRACK (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 4-9-9	S Keightley	—
10	(6)	04221-1	THE UTE 44 (B,C,G,S) (M Huxley) J Ffitch-Heyes 4-9-9	A Riding (7)	● 99
12	(3)	1000-04	ON IMPULSE 16 (BF,CD,F) (P Fisher) K Brassey 4-9-6	S Dawson	92
16	(2)	000-00	MAUREEN'S CAVALIER 23 (C Cousins) P Burgoyne 3-8-7	NON-RUNNER	—
17	(1)	3-0	MENZIES FLYER 29 (Mrs M Finnie) M Tompkins 3-8-7	P Robinson	—
18	(12)	02-00	ROMANY LAD 15 (D Wilson) W Turner 3-8-7	P Waldron	87
19	(7)	0-	SUNSET SAM 233 (B Leaver) R Simpson 3-8-7	S Whitworth	—
20	(9)	0000-00	TROPICAL BOY 6 (R Hendry) R Voorspuy 3-8-7	M Roberts	87
21	(4)	020-04	BELLE OF STARS 15 (C Cyzer) M Usher 3-8-4	M Wigham	91
22	(14)	00000-0	EASTERN PRINCESS 16 (Mrs O Lusty) J Fox 3-8-4	N Adams	88
23	(5)	030-0	GRENVILLE LASS 16 (D Moon) M Madgwick 3-8-4	G Dickie	80
24	(10)	000400-	RELAMPEGO 232 (J Gambin) J Jenkins 3-8-4	J Reid	77

BETTING: 3-1 The Ute, 9-2 Belle Of Stars, 5-1 Temperence Way, 11-2 Tropical Boy, 13-2 On Impulse, 7-1 Romany Lad, 8-1 Mostango, 10-1 others.

1986: (Div I) COMEDY PRINCE 3-8-7 S Whitworth (15-8 fav) R Simpson 10 ran
(Div II) SUPERFROST 4-9-6 B Crossley (9-4 fav) J Fox 10 ran

3.15 LICENSED VICTUALLERS NATIONAL HOMES HANDICAP (£2,070: 7f) (8 runners)

2	(8)	00-2403	COMPLEAT 13 (F) (Food Brokers Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-7	B Rouse	● 99
3	(3)	31212-2	HIGHLY RECOMMENDED 5 (BF,D,G) (Lord McAlpine) P Cundell 4-8-13	N Adams	97
4	(7)	40004-0	DUFF 37 (BF) (J Joseph) D Elsworth 4-8-6	T Williams	92
6	(4)	100320	BEECHWOOD COTTAGE 5 (B,C,F,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 4-8-3	S Whitworth	98
7	(5)	000-030	ARCTIC KEN 16 (D,F,S) (R Mello) C Nelson 4-8-3	J Reid	93
8	(1)	214-024	GERSHWIN 5 (V,F,G) (D Ayres) D O'Donnell 4-7-10	R Fox	95
9	(6)	00000-0	LIGHT HILLS 9 (F,G) (W Arnott) Miss L Bower 4-7-7	S Dawson	91
10	(2)	000020-	GOLD LOFT 187 (CD,S) (E Benfield) P Mitchell 5-7-7	C Rutter (3)	83

BETTING: 7-2 Compleat, 9-2 Duff, 11-2 Highly Recommended, 6-1 Arctic Ken, 8-1 Gershwin, 10-1 Gold Loft, 14-1 Light Hills.

1986: KING OF SPEED 7-7-11 L Riggio (6-1) B Wise 13 ran

3.50 PHOENIX BREWERY HANDICAP (£2,903: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1	(1)	212320	DAARKOM 209 (D,F) (Sheikh A Al Maktoum) A Stewart 4-9-10	M Roberts	98
2	(2)	330-134	LAABAS 14 (C,S) (G Mazza) P Cole 4-9-3	P Waldron	● 99
4	(3)	0210-04	MARSH HARRIER 16 (F) (F Hill) A Moore 6-8-1	M Wigham	97
5	(4)	0/000-00	HOLLISTON 19 (S) (D Prenn) J Winter 5-7-7	R Fox	94
6	(6)	010-300	ISOM DART 8 (F) (G Taylor-Webber) T Hallett 8-7-7	N Adams	83
7	(5)	120-000	SHALLAAL 16 (CD,F) (D Davies) J Ffitch-Heyes 8-7-7	G Dickie	77

BETTING: 2-1 Daarkom, 100-30 Marsh Harrier, 7-2 Holliston, 4-1 Laabas, 14-1 Isom Dart, 25-1 Shallaal.

1986: DETROIT SAM 5-8-8 G Baxter (7-4 fav) R Akehurst 9 ran

4.20 RUDDLES COUNTY BITTER GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £959: 1m 2f) (4 runners)

3	(2)	3-0	BLANTON RESERVE 32 (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 9-0	G Starkey	70
7	(4)	0030-4	ROCK CHANTEUR 32 (Mrs J Yarnold) C Nelson 9-0	J Reid	● 99
8	(1)	0-0	SAINTS ABOVE 44 (M Halstead) A Moore 9-0	B Rouse	—
14	(3)	0020-00	WAR CHILD 30 (H Man) A Moore 8-11	M Wigham	53

BETTING: 1-2 Rock Chanteur, 13-8 Blanton Reserve, 20-1 War Child, 40-1 Saints Above.

1986: FLEETING AFFAIR 9-3 G Starkey (4-5 fav) G Harwood 11 ran

4.50 EBF SOUTHERN COIN MACHINES MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £1,728: 5f) (6 runners)

1	(3)		BISHTHORN (B) (T Thom) J Bridger 9-0	T Williams	—
2	(6)	0	FAIRFIELD LAD 8 (J Hay) M Tompkins 9-0	P Robinson	—
4	(5)	0	RED VALENTINE 34 (D Hunnisett) R Smyth 9-0	S Whitworth	—
5	(2)	4	RENDICUS 16 (Mrs C Feather) W Haggas 9-0	Paul Eddery	● 99
6	(1)		WASTA (A Mutawa) K Brassey 9-0	J Reid	—
8	(4)	00	SOUND THE RETREAT 22 (D Hatch) M Haynes 8-9	B Rouse	97

BETTING: 5-2 Rendicus, 11-4 Sound The Retreat, 9-2 Red Valentine, 11-2 Wasta, 6-1 Fairfield Lad, 10-1 Bishthorn.

1986: QUITE SO 8-11 R Cochrane (12-1) W Jarvis 7 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per Cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
J Hindley	8	33	24.2	G Starkey	36	179	20.1
P Cole	25	122	20.5	T Williams	13	88	14.8
B Hills	10	50	20.0	R Curant	8	90	8.9
C Nelson	12	61	19.7	B Rouse	29	330	8.8
K Brassey	11	58	19.0				
R Smyth	12	140	8.6				

Only qualifiers

Yesterday's results

York

Going: good to firm

2.0 (5f) 1, **NARJIS** (R Hills, 11-8 fav); 2, **Breakaway** (T Ives, 12-1); 3, **Halvoya** (B Thomson, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jodoka (4th), 5 Marentra, 8 Sunley Stars, 9 Proposal (5th), 14 Alchemistress (6th), Belle Cursine, 20 Deebee Deebee. 10 ran. ¾l, ¾l, sh hd, 2l, nk. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £2.90; £1.40, £2.90, £5.50. DF: £40.20. CSF: £19.90. 1min 02.6sec.

2.35 (1m 6f) 1, **OVERDRIVE** (W Ryan, 11-8 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondents's nap): 2, **Corbadge** (T Quinn, 7-2); 3, **Invasion** (C Asmussen, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Trojan War (4th), 12 Mandalay Prince (6th), 25 Highland Bounty (5th). 6 ran. NR: Gentle Darius. 2½l, 3l, 5l, 2½l, ½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20: £1.30, £2.60. DF: £3.80. CSF: £6.13. 2min 59.96sec.

3.5 (5f) 1, **ROYAL FAN** (J Lowe, 8-1); 2, **Respect** (Pat Eddery, 4-1 fav); 3, **Rotherfield Greys** (J Leech, 7-1) ALSO RAN: 9-2 Manton Dan (6th), Clantime, 6 Philip (4th), 9 Jondebe Boy, 12 Lochtillum (5th), 14 Silent Majority, 25 Bluemede, Spacemaker Boy. 11 ran. hd, ¾l, ¾l, ½l, ½l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £8.90; £1.90, £1.80, £2.70. DF: £28.50. CSF: £39.99. Tricast: £219.55. 1min 00.67sec.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, **INDIAN SKIMMER** (S Cauthen, 1-2 fav; Michael Seely's nap); 2, **Bourbon Girl** (Pat Eddery, 85-40); 3, **Mountain Memory** (B Thomson, 11-1). 3 ran. 4l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.20. CSF: £1.78. 2min 12.57sec.

4.10 (1m 4f) 1, **ISLAND SET** (R Cochrane, 3-1 fav); 2, **Jurisprudence** (A Mercer, 11-2); 3, **Fire Bay** (A Mackay, 10-1) ALSO RAN. 7 Four Star Thrust, 15-2 White Reef (6th), 10 Tressider (4th), 11 Auction Fever (ur), 12 Hello Benz, 14 Transcendence (5th), 16 Just Too Brave, Tender Type, Stavordale, 20 Well Covered, 33 Highfire. 14 ran. nk, 2½l, 2½l, 2l, 2½l. L Cumani at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £10.60. CSF: £20.52. Tricast: £143.88. 2min 31.85sec.

4.40 (1m 1f) 1, **ORIENT LINE** (Pat Eddery, 5-1); 2, **Damari** (A Culhane, 16-1); 3, **Game Thatcher** (C Asmussen, 9-2) ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Anubi (4th), 7-2 Sir Jamestown (5th), 17-2 Beau Benz (6th), 14 Connaught Flyer, 16 Murphy, 20 Windmede. 9 ran. 1½l, nk, 1½l, 6l, 7l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £5.50. £1.80, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £28.30. CSF: £69.00. Tricast: £351.79. 1min 52.68sec.

Jackpot: £6,019.60. Placepot: £85.00.

Folkestone

Going: hard (flat course); firm (chase)

1.45 (2m 110yd flat) 1, **Warrens Boy** (S Saltmarsh 15-8 fav); 2, Trematon (3-1); 3, William Anthony (5-2). 9 ran. 2½l, 1½. D Murray Smith. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £10.80. CSF: £7.90

2.15 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Straight Gin** (Mr A Taylor 8-1); 2, Rostra (1-4 fav); 3, Straight Line (11-2). 4 ran. 2l, dist. A Taylor. Tote: £4.60. DF: £2.00. CSF: £10.64.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, **Midsummer Gladness** (Mr T Moore 3-1); 2, Pride Of Down (11-8 fav); 3, Kilwarden (9-2). 10 ran. NR: Doubtful Pact, Owen Sherry, Hot Jackie, The Hoolee. 20l, 20l. Mrs D Moore. Tote: £4.90; £1.30, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.77.

3.15 (3m 2f ch) 1, **Barstick** (Mr D Turner 2-1); 2, Elogarty (8-11 fav); 3, Jimmy Martin (20-1). 5 ran. 4l, 20l. J Turner. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.67.

3.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, **Parish Rigged** (Mr A Bealby 100-30); 2, Swarm (5-1); 3, Pay Related (5-2 jt fav) Just A Ghost 5-2 jt fav. 7 ran. NR: Clounamon. 10l, 7l. D Bloor. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £2.30. DF: £7.90. CSF: £18.70.

4.20 (3m 2f ch) 1, **Floating Around** (Mr P Scouller 11-10 fav); 2, Signor Sam (8-1); 3, Gay Fish (9-2). 7 ran. NR: Bardini, The Hoolee. ½l, 8l. P Scouller. Tote: £2.10; £1.70, £2.80. DF: £15.70. CSF: £9.59

4.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, **W Six Times** (Mr B Munro-Wilson 2-1 jt fav); 2, Pridden Jimmy (4-1); 3, Ragalan (2-1 jt fav). 10 ran. ½l, 20l. W Kemp. Tote: £3.20; £1.10, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £7.80. CSF: £11.49.

Placepot: £51.29.

8.40 (1m 2f 22yd) 1, **Kruthoffer** (N Crowther, 25-1); 2, Pollenate (3-1); 3, Diego Rivera (6-1). Young Offender 7-4 fav. 23 ran. nk, ¾l. H Cecil. Tote: £70.60; £8.70, £2.00, £2.30. DF: £64.60. CSF: £104.85.

Placepot: £371.50

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Hexham

Going: firm

7.30 (2m hdle) 1, **Kasu** (Vicki Harris, 11-10 fav); 2, Paddy Hayton (8-1); 3 Pledgdon Green (8-1). 9 ran. 10l, 2l. J Harris. Tote: £2.60; £1.30, £2.60, £2.00. DF: £6.60. CSF: £12.01.

8.0 (3m ch) 1, **Proverity** (C Grant, 1-2 fav); 2, Tullycanna; 7-2); 3, The Rink (33-1). 7 ran. NR: Dun Rolfe, Sealed Offer. 10l, dist. J Edwards. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £2.10. CSF: £2.77.

8.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, **Hasty Import** (Miss R Lock, 11-2); 2 Roman Dusk (3-1); 3 Slieve Luachra (6-4 fav). 7 ran. 8l, 3l. NR: Duke Of Dolls, G G Magic, T Robson. Tote: £7.60; £2.70, £1.90. DF: £9.70. CSF: £20.10.

Placepot: £15.00

Monday's late returns

Windsor

Going: good

7.10 (1m 3f) 1, **Spanish Reel** (A McGlone, 8-1); 2, Greenhills Joy (5-1); 3, Baby Boy (8-1); 4, Mirage Dancer (16-1) King Teikros 9-2 fav. 20 ran. nk, nk. J Edwards. Tote: £12.00; £2.60, £2.30, £4.30, £6.70. DF: £21.00. CSF: £55.79. Tricast: £330.75.

7.40 (5f) 1, **Isticanna** (T Quinn, 5-2 fav); 2, Princess Athena (10-1); 3, Payvashooz (11-1) 16 ran. nk, 2½l. P Cole. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £2.30, £1.90. DF: £17.70. CSF: £24.51

8.10 (6f) 1, **One Liner** (W Carson, 6-1); 2, Last Recovery (10-1); 3, Last Stand (7-1); 4, Singing Partner (11-2). Ajanac 4-1 fav. 18 ran. nk, 1l. N Callaghan. Tote: £11.10; £2.40, £5.00, £1.60, £2.30. DF: £158.00. CSF: £73.44. Tricast: £420.53

Haynes to give up training

Peter Haynes, the Chichester trainer, has announced his decision to give up training. He took over the yard from Derek Kent, for whom he rode as stable jockey, five years ago.

Haynes, who runs a mixed stable with an emphasis on National Hunt horses, blames a virus which has beset his string for several seasons. Again this term he has struggled to shake off its consequences and winners have not been easy to come by.

He has yet to decide on his future although he is keen to remain in racing in some capacity.

● Watering has begun at Goodwood in preparation for next week's two-day meeting on Wednesday and Thursday.

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Coventry flourish on the tide of euphoria

As Coventry City prepare for Saturday's FA Cup Final, Jimmy Hill, the club's manager from 1961 to 1967 and chairman from 1980 to 1983, savours the occasion

The village turned out to a man to welcome home their conquering heroes, who shamelessly shed tears, overwhelmed by the unexpected avalanche of emotion. On the night Coventry City beat Leeds United 3-2 to reach a Wembley final for the first time in over 100 years, it was like VE day over again. Lady Godiva was kept awake, not by bombs and anti-aircraft fire, but by the sound of irrepressible joy as the celebrations began with street parties that continued until dawn.

To understand why means going back half a century, to when the motor car became a reality. Coventry was transformed from a largish village into a cosmopolitan manufacturing city, attracting a skilled workforce from all over the United Kingdom. The local football and rugby clubs offered a means of belonging to strangers. When Clarrie Bourton and Jock Lauderdale's football skills gained Coventry City promotion to the second division in 1936 the new citizens experienced collective joy for the first time; they had a flag and their heroes had gained battle honours. After the war, which cemented that feeling, it was the rugby club, Cov as it became known, whose exploits massaged that local pride.

The five glorious Sky Blue years from 1961 to 1966 ignited the flame once more as their team reached the first division at last. Contrary to everyone's expectations it has remained there ever since, fighting one successful relegation battle with another.

A brief flurry into Europe under Noel Cantwell and a League cup semi-final defeat by West Ham United, under Gordon Milne, were the peaks of playing achievement. Suddenly came this season's rejuvenation, inspired by two stalwarts of the 1960s team, George Curtis and John Sillett. Tenth place in the League is respectable, Wembley is ecstasy.

In reaching the FA Cup Final, Coventry have made many new friends along the way. Their semi-final played in a cauldron at Hillsborough, with no crowd problems, was as riveting a contest as I have seen.

Thus a minor miracle has been achieved, but how? The team is largely a collection of players not without talent but who have been found wanting at other clubs. They are now peaking collectively, inspired by the forceful and astute leadership of the Curtis/Sillett partnership. The players are fortunate that at this stage of their careers they have come under the dynamic influence of these two men.

The fact that they were collected from all stations south and north does not diminish their supporters' affection for them; they remember that's how the city was born.

The approach of Curtis and Sillett is simple, but far from naive. They believe, as I do, that life and football are blessings to be enjoyed to the full. There is no satisfaction in giving less than 100 per cent and such an approach is not tolerated at Coventry. Providing the players give that commitment there are few recriminations on losing. They might shrug it off over a beer (half pint glasses only allowed) but deep down they cannot wait to establish where they went wrong and put it right for the next match. Scruffy dressing and lateness are not tolerated; neither Sillett nor Curtis has ever been late for a training session.

When I first met Curtis, a 21-year-old captain in 1961, it did not take me long to decide that he and I would take on any other two. Given his head Curtismight well have done it all on his own. Sillett has never lost faith in his own coaching ability, although some others have; his strength is having been to hell and back before. He is a contented, wiser man now and no player has a problem either on or off the field that is not understood.

I think the players respect, perhaps even like, Curtis and Sillett but they would notdare cross them. Perhaps their major training triumph has been to resuscitate Regis and Bennett, players of outstanding natural gifts, who had slipped back into limbo. Life has become worth living again for them, but not for opposing defenders. In Peake and Ogrizovic, the goalkeeper, they have players comparable to any in the highest class. The supreme gift of both, in short supply in most teams these days, is their readiness to accept responsibility. Do not look for Ogrizovic on his goal line nor look for Peake anywhere but where danger threatens. McGrath, a home growm player who will probably shadow Hoddle in midfield, most exemplifies the unselfish Coventry spirit with non-stop running and absolute commitment.

Is there a danger of this Sky Blue frenzy incinerating Coventry's proved sense of purpose? I think there is. If anything weakens their Wembley thrust it will not be the five games they have played in 10 days; that is only physical. A danger has arisen through coping with the burdens of success, which may have siphoned off some of their passionate commitment to each other and the cause. Sometimes failure is a less destructive bed-fellow.

My advice to them is to clasp hands, renew the bonding, remember where they came from and draw strength from the fellowship which has brought them thus far; that could be their salvation and set David Pleat, the Tottenham manager, searching for the words to accept defeat in his customary eloquent fashion. If Coventry forget their birthright thenTottenham's regality, experience and subtlety will overcome them. Tottenham's enigma is their fundamental lack of belief in a current way of play that is unorthodox, but works wonderfully well on occasions.

Pleat has widely adopted a system that suits his players' talents. It is designed to accommodate Clive Allen, a loner and a player who defies analysis. Unselfish running is not in Allen's repertoire; comparatively Greaves was Nijinski, but Allen's scoring power borders on the supernatural. How to graft such a player onto the fabric of a team is a question that must occupy Pleat's mind from putting the cat out at night to his first sip of early morning tea.

It is not as if Tottenham are a one-man team, littered as it is with "Roy of the Rovers" heroes. Little Ardiles makes us want to forget the Falklands. Hoddle when on song achieved the impossible with nonchalance. Waddle's dribbling and scoring talents have almost gained him acceptance by the White Hart Lane "we've come to bury you not to praise you!" Mafia.

Clemence, Gough and Mabbutt and Hodge have climbed a range of international heights. When that lot spark together it is a pleasure to watch and unstoppable for opponents. The improved Wembley turf should suit these aristocrats perfectly.

Yet Coventry will be adopted by the uncommitted romantics and that tide of emotion may upset football logic. Whatever happens, Tottenham will know they have been in a game and the rest of us will acknowlege that the Sky Blues have at last been to Wembley and share their joy.

GYMNASTICS

Exercises which captivate youth

By Peter Aykroyd

The enthusiasm with which millions of British youngsters have taken to the sport in recent years will be recognized at the House of Commons today.

Mr Richard Tracey MP, Minister for Sport, will present Shereen Brooks, aged nine, with a framed badge for achievement, gained in the Coca-Cola Awards scheme. What makes Miss Brooks special is that she is the one and a half millionth budding gymnast to attain a badge in the scheme since Coca-Cola took over the sponsorship five years ago.

Previously the scheme was supported from its launch in 1971 by *The Sunday Times* and Tony Murdock, development director of the British Amateur Gymnastics Association, estimates that during that period some four and a half million children were introduced to the sport.

Devised by Nik Stuart, then the BAGA's national coach and in the 1960s the best British gymnast, the scheme was launched a year before Olga Korbut, the gamine Soviet, triggered off a world-wide boom in gymnastics by her performances at the Munich Olympic Games.

It enjoyed instant success, not only because it was timely but also because it was simple. There are four sequential grades, each containing 10 exercises. The young gymnast must be able to perform, to the satisfaction of his or her instructor, at least six of the 10 exercises to earn a badge. The badge for Award One, the top grade, is indeed one to wear with pride.

At the same time BAGA set out to improve the standard of gymnastics in Britain from local to national status. The increasing numbers of world class British gymnasts would suggest that they are succeeding.

The scheme is now being used in 35,000 schools, clubs and dance classes throughout the country. A recent and interesting development is that several ballet schools have included it as part of their training programmes.

Recent industrial action by teachers may have curbed participation by many schoolchildren. But for thousands of primary schools, such as the Edmund Waller junior school in New Cross, which Miss Brooks attends, the scheme has proved an ideal activity within physical education. Using the minimum of equipment it provides its young participants of whatever standard with a personal incentive to progress at their own, individual rate.

Bob Bellew, Miss Brooks's coach, added: "There is no doubt that the awards help to improve the all-round fitness, co-ordination and confidence of junior performers."

Mr Tracey will announce today that owing to popular demand, the scope of the awards are to be extended to cater for pre-school children and children with special needs. Two extra grades will be added to the present range of exercises.

The scheme's outstanding popularity across the world can also be measured. Clubs and schools in 69 countries are employing it to start young gymnasts off with basic skills and movements.

Miss Brooks may never stand on an Olympic podium, but her achievement is just as significant. To take part in a sport with millions in which your greatest opponent is yourself, a sport which gives you lots of fun and you get a badge for it — what could be better than that?

Cruyff aiming to recapture great days of the Dutch

Athens (Reuter) — Johan Cruyff, the greatest player in the history of Dutch football, will be seeking more than a long-awaited European Cup Winners' Cup victory when Ajax Amsterdam meet Lokomotiv Leipzig here tonight. Cruyff, now the manager of Ajax, the club he inspired to three successive triumphs in the European Cup from 1971 to 1973, will be hoping for a stylish victory in keeping with his own football philosophy and a revival of the glory years of the Dutch game.

Throughout the 1970s Cruyff, Ajax and The Netherlands were synonymous with an unrivalled brand of artistic play known as 'total football'. Ajax dominated Europe and the Dutch national team reached two World Cup finals, losing to West Germany and Argentina.

Cruyff was the daring inspiration of it all with his fast dribbling, whiplash shooting and vision, and Ajax's achievement in 1972 when they achieved the Dutch league and cup double, the European Cup and the World club championship remains unequalled. But Cruyff, now aged 40, is realistic enough to be aware that the Ajax team he leads will not find it easy to match their predecessors.

Leipzig, in their first European final, are desperate to emerge from the shadows of East Germany's dominant club Dynamo Berlin, and they bring to Athens a team of solid defence and thrusting counter-attack, hoping to frustrate Ajax's attacking style and steal a decisive breakaway goal at the Olympic stadium. They hope to become the second East German side to win the trophy and coach Hans-Ulrich Thomale has six internationals, including the goalkeeper and international captain, Rene Mueller, in his squad.

But even their most carefully planned tactics, allied to a demonstration of the customary stamina and strength of East German football, are unlikely to overcome Ajax's blend of elegant experience and richly talented youth. The midfield player Arnold Muhren, aged 35, and the forward, Marco van Basten, aged 22, who joins AC Milan next season, will be particularly keen to mark their final European appearances for Ajax with a flourish at the start of a new winning era.

Muhren, who had successful spells at Ipswich Town and Manchester United before returning to The Netherlands two years ago, is not certain of playing, however. He has an ankle injury, but is undergoing intensive treatment and is confident he will be fit.

Sexton's words ring true

By Ian Stafford

Ever since the Football Association's controversial School of Excellence at Lilleshall began in 1984, everyone concerned with the venture, from the England manager, Bobby Robson, to the head of coaching at the academy, Dave Sexton, has been at great pains to emphasize that a two-year course at the school does not guarantee a successful career in professional football.

Now, it seems, their point has been confirmed with the news yesterday that Bradford City's Chris Howarth, a member of the first batch of schoolboys at Lilleshall, has, at 17, been released from his club after serving his apprenticeship.

Bradford's manager, Terry Nolan, admitted that he was faced with no alternative. "Although he has spent two highly useful years at Lilleshall, he has returned with no strength and little will to win," he said. "His best chance now is to look somewhere else."

His disappointed fathersaid his son was still determined to succeed in football. "Chris has coped with the news amazingly well," Mr Howarth said from his Halifax home. "We must thank the national school for that. I doubt whether Chris would have taken it so well if he had not been made aware of the failure rate by Lilleshall. He will now start on an extensive weight training course and is very confident that he is not finished yet," he added.

Sexton also gave words of encouragement for his former pupil: "The history of football is littered with famous players who were once discarded from clubs," he said. "Kevin Keegan is a good example. It is certainly not the end of the road for Chris. He still has four or five years to make it in football, and there is still every chance that he will succeed."

Cottee to stay for time being

By Clive White

West Ham United yesterday rejected the transfer request of Tony Cottee, their England forward, but his departure still seems inevitable. Having spent nearly £1.2 million on four players in recent months the club will find it hard to resist the chance of recouping most of that money.

A move abroad would involve at least a £1 million fee and Fiorentina, the Italian club, have been known to be interested in Cottee, still only 21, for some time.

John Lyall, the West Ham manager, said: "We fully understand Tony's feelings but our first priority has to be to the club and its supporters." But he added: "As is normal procedure, should we receive offers for any of our players in the future, they will be considered and dealt with in the best interests of the club."

Cottee, whose contract is understood to have five years to run, is known to be disillusioned at his inability to break into the England team. He believes that a position with a leading club in this country, if not abroad, would give his career the extra impetus it needs so he can improve an international record of two caps, both achieved this season as a substitute. He was again named by Bobby Robson, the England manager, yesterday in the squad to contest the Stanley Rous Cup next week.

After the 1985/86 season, when West Ham reached the FA Cup sixth round and finished third in the league, this season has been an anti-climax. One of the reasons has been that the previously prolific McAvennie-Cottee partnership has been much less effective. Cottee, however, has maintained his form with 29 goals and finished third highest scorer in the first division, behind Clive Allen and Ian Rush.

£600,000 Cup Final spectator

By Jeremy Novick

On October 4, Tottenham Hotspur paid Standard *Liège* £600,000 for the Belgian World Cup player, Nico Claesen. On October 11, Claesen made his debut in at the deep end at Anfield, and Tottenhamdid the impossible for the second time in three years. On May 16, the glory boys will step out at Wembley hoping to make it eight out of eight FA Cup Final victories.

Claesen, it has already been decreed, will sit back and watch from the obscurity of the substitutes' bench: a few feet away in distance, a light year away in achievement. £600,000 seems a lot for even Tottenham to pay for a Cup Final spectator.

In the months between October and May, something has not gone quite as planned. There have been headlines chronicling Claesen's discontent, the manager David Pleat's dissatisfaction and almost everything in between. When the Cup Final team was announced, Pleat was reported as labelling Claesen a "misfit".

Exhibition of fire and skill

So is he a misfit? Does he regret coming to England? "There's one thing I regret, one thing I can say. I had a little dog, Whitey, and we couldn't bring him to England. We couldn't put him in quarantine. Six months is too long. But he's with my family now."

Yes, but apart from Whitey? "I am a young player, only 24, and I like to play. At the moment I'm not playing and I don't like that. But everybody knows that and I can understand the manager has problems putting me in the team, and for that I am OK. He said to me that I must have patience and for the moment I will do that, but really all I can say is that I like to play and that's why I'm here. I am very happy at Spurs

"When I came here I didn't know much about English football, but I learn in every game so that's not a problem. In the beginning I was thinking I was a new player so I must play. Maybe that was wrong, I don't know.

"The first game at Liverpool, that was my best game, but after that came Wimbledon, Sheffield Wednesday and QPR, all difficult games because they play a different style to what I am used to. Soon after that I was injured and then I was sub. And I am still sub.

" Next year I must have a regular place or else I will leave. There is no question about it. "

Also in the time between October and May, Belgium played Scotland in the European championships. Claesen destroyed Scotland with an exhibition of fire and skill and topped it off with three goals. It was the type of performance that renews belief in the game of football.

"The game against Scotland was a very great night. I was a little bit sorry for Richard Gough, but every player must play for his team. Of course I want to show how good I am, but it wasn't a question of showing people what I could do — I want to do it for Tottenham."

But when it comes to playing for Tottenham he appears to lack confidence. "If you never know if you are playing it isn't good for your confidence. Before I came here I never had that problem."

To appreciate this undermining of Claesen's confidence and the resulting frustration it is necessary to go back to his youth. At the age of 16 and while he was still at school he was a first team player for his local side, Patro Eisden, of the second division . "It was nice. All my friends were talking about it and sometimes when I went to school the teachers wanted to talk only about the football."

By the time he was 21 he was playing in the West German Bundesliga with Stuttgart. Further, apart from football, the main sport in Belgium is cycling. Claesen won both the schoolboy competitions he entered. Clearly he is not used to the idea of failure.

Always time for cups of tea

But, as he says : "Everything that goes wrong makes you try harder and this is one of those things." As for the Cup final, "Of course it's a very big occasion and it's disappointing that I'm not playing, but what can I say about it? It's disappointing."

Apart from the footballing side, Claesen and his wife, Dominica, have settled in very happily. "We like it in England because there's always something to do. We are young and like to go out. It's much better here than in Belgium.

"Before I came here I always thought of England as romantic. In Belgium a lot of people say that when you can speak English it's something special." He's even managed to perfect that cute foreign pronunciation of the word Tottenham, copyright courtesy of Ossie Ardiles.

"I like it very much in England. The people are very friendly and my neighbours are fantastic, not so much for me but for my wife. She needs it because I am away a lot and she goes with them to drink cups of tea. That's good for me because when my wife is happy, I am happy. And when I was playing I was more happy."

Rise and fall: Claesen (left) flying high over Shirtliff but subsequently fell from grace.

Tottenham may pay high price

By Ian Ross

The Football League's policy of protecting the paying public will almost certainly cost Tottenham Hotspur dear next week. In an attempt to stamp out once and for all the practice of clubs fielding severely weakened line-ups prior to important games, the League's management committee are set to make an example of the FA Cup finalists by imposing a large fine when it meets on May 20.

The committee will act in the wake of Monday night's game at Everton, when David Pleat, the Tottenham manager, left out 10 of the side who are expected to face Coventry City at Wembley on Saturday. Pleat's claim that seven members of his first team were missing through injury and that he had, as the League had insisted 24 hours before the game, selected the strongest available line-up, is unlikely to ward off severe punitive action.

"We have not firmed up any inquiry yet, although it is likely that the management committee will discuss the matter at its next meeting," Andy Williamson, a Football League spokesman, said.

"We did know in advance what Tottenham's proposed line-up was to be and obviously it was self-evident that we would have to launch an inquiry. Irrespective of whether or not there is anything riding on a game, it is a fundamental responsibility of every club to play a full strength side from the players who are available.

"If clubs are allowed to get away with it just because it happens to be Cup Final week, it could prove to be the thin endof the wedge. We feel we have a responsibility to protect the interests of the public," he added.

Even the fact that Pleat's makeshift line-up restricted the English champions to a slender victory will not help Tottenham's cause. "The result does not really come into it at all. Back in the Seventies, Leeds United fielded 11 reserves in a game at Derby but only lost 3-1," Williamson said.

Pleat's post-match submission, that other clubs have abused the system in the past and faced no action, is also likely to go unheeded. "I do not know the exact circumstances to which he was referring and I think to cite cases that have happened in previous seasons is very dangerous. It is very convenient to start quoting other instances where no action was taken," Williamson said.

Trainer lands himself in troubled water

Mick Clarke, the Chester City trainer, was bound over for 12 months by Wrexham magistrates yesterday after admitting that he drenched dozens of football supporters with a bucket of water in March.

Magistrates were told the incident happened following a late equalizer at the Wrexham v Chester match. Huw Evans, prosecuting, said Clarke was seen by police giving a two-fingered sign to the crowd. Faced with angry Wrexham supporters spitting abuse, Clarke picked up a bucket of water and threw it into the crowd.

Magistrates heard that an apologetic Clarke told police after the incident: "I was out of order, and I am sorry."

Clarke pleaded guilty to using insulting words and behaviour and agreed to be bound over for the sum of £100 and was ordered to pay costs.

Advance in blood doping test

By John Goodbody

A Swedish scientist claimed yesterday that he had discovered a method of detecting whether an athlete has been "blood doping" to improve performance in events requiring great stamina.

Professor Bo Berglund, of Stockholm's Carolinska Institute, told a medical symposium of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) in Florence that he believed the use of blood transfusions in sport was more widespread than use of anabolic steroids.

Blood doping involves removing a pint of a competitor's blood some time before a major event. The blood is then refrigerated. The athlete makes up the pint of blood naturally and, just before the competition, the stored pint is reinfused into his body.

The practice is prohibited by the International Olympic Committee, although there has been no testing because of the difficulties of detection. There have been rumours that some distance runners and cross-country skiers have been carrying out this practice. But the only competitors who have admitted using the technique were members of the United States Olympic cycling team for the 1984 Games.

An athlete taking a transfusion before a marathon could improve his performance by up to two minutes over a competitor running without the aid of a transfusion, Berglund said. He added that the transfusion raised the amount of oxygen-boosting haemoglobin in the blood to more than 10 per cent.

Berglund said that one blood sample should be taken from athletes immediately after a race and another 10 days later. He described a test involving measuring the concentration of haemoglobin against other particles in the blood as a means of identifying athletes who had resorted to the technique.

Directors' squabble sours Scarborough's joy

By a Special Correspondent

Scarborough, the Football League's newest club, have been rocked in their hour of glory by a boardroom rumpus. Many supporters have been shocked to hear that a local nightclub owner, Alf Arton, has been voted off the board by his fellow directors.

The 109-year-old Yorkshire club will step into the fourth division in August, in place of Lincoln City, after winning the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Arton, aged 44, who joined the club last October, was sacked for not attending the official opening last Saturday night of the Scarborough club's second set of social premises.

A week ago Arton had resigned as social club chairman after a dispute with the club chairman, Terry Wood, over financial arrangements for it. "I feel really hurt," Arton said. "We should be pulling together and celebrating."

Arton claimed he had pulled the social side of the football club out of the red. The original club was losing £13,000 at the beginning of January — a month later, he says, it was making £1,100 profit. Scarborough bought another club in the town to boost revenue.

Arton has given 11 of the players a £200 holiday bonus for gaining promotion. The players are due to travel to Spain on Saturday — but now Arton cannot go because he is no longer a director."I think I've been too strong for the board." he said.

Wood, a local fish merchant, said decisions about the financial arrangements for the social club had been made by the board. "This decision was made on April 13 by the directors and Mr Arton was there," he said.

But Arton is not taking his dismissal without a fight. He is urging all shareholders to attend the annual meeting being held tomorrow night to raise the £100,000 share capital necessary to join the fourth division. His sacking is the first item on the agenda.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Cup Winners' Cup Final

Ajax v Lokomotiv Leipzig (at Athens, 8.15).

FA YOUTH CUP: Final, second leg (first leg score in brackets): Coventry (1) v Charlton (1) (7.0).

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Reading v Millwall (2.0)

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Final replay: Bognor Regis v Arundel (at Worthing).

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division (6.30): Moreton v Viking, Devon v [illegible]; Rayners Lane v Abingdon Town.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: League Cup: Final: Colne v Leyland Motors (at Bury FC).

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Raunds v Desborough.

CRICKET

Benson and Hedges Cup

11.0, 55 overs
SOUTHPORT: Lancashire v Scotland.
11.0, to finish
CANTERBURY: Kent v Sussex.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Gloucestershire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Glamorgan.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Worcestershire.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES (2.0): Derbyshire v Durham (at South Derbyshire Miners); Devon v Cornwall (at Plymstock); Dorset v Bristol (at Shaftesbury); Gloucestershire v Surrey (at Bristol).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Adidas challenge 15km (at Glasgow); Watford open meeting (6.45); Woodford Green open meeting (6.40).

BILLIARDS: BSTA English championship (at Widnes snooker centre).

GOLF: Welsh woman's championship (at Aberdovey); Northern open (at Aberdeen).

ROWING: Medical Sickness Society United Hospitals bumps (at Chiswick).

SPEEDWAY: International: England v Denmark (at Belle Vue). National League: Long Eaton v Rye House; Wimbledon v Canterbury (7.45).

TENNIS: International spring circuit (at Lee-on-Solent).

SPORT ON TV

RACING: 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.10 races from York. C4: 2.30pm.

SPORTSNIGHT: Football: highlights of the European Cup Winners' Cup final: Ajax Amsterdam v Lokomotiv Leipzig, Athens: FA Cup final preview and report on Scottish FA Cup final. Athletics: interview with American Carl Lewis. BBC1: 10.15pm.

CYCLING

Kelly forced to pull out

Avila (AFP) — Sean Kelly, the race leader, dropped out of the 19th stage of the Tour of Spain yesterday to hand the lead back to Luis Herrera. The Irish world No. 1, who regained the lead on Monday's 24km time trial, has suffered from an infected boil for several days.

Kelly's withdrawal handed the lead back to Herrera, who was 58 seconds clear of the leading bunch yesterday, but the Colombian was 1min 10sec behind Laurent Fignon, a former Tour of France winner, on the 213km stage.

SPEEDWAY

England rock Danish complacency

By Keith Macklin

Although confusion appears to reign regarding the precise state of the series between England and Denmark, there is no doubt that a win and a draw for a revived England have shaken the complacency of the Danes. The teams meet at Manchester's Belle Vue track tonight in the third international and depending on the point of view, the scores are level 1½-1½, or Denmark lead 3½-1½.

Denmark, as expected, won the first two matches of the series in their own country, but have been set back on their heels by some spirited riding from England's squad in the five-match series, sponsored by Sunbrite, in this country.

Some officials and pundits appear to be regarding the English series as self-contained over five matches, whereas the full international series is over seven matches, including the two "home" events for Denmark. The Danes went into a two-match lead in their own country but they won at Kings Lynn. Since however, England's managers, Eric Boocock and Colin Pratt, have whipped up such enthusiasm and skill among their charges that England won at Oxford and then tied the international at Cradley Heath on Sunday.

For tonight's international at Belle Vue, Jeremy Doncaster is fit to return for England, and next Monday at Wolverhampton the England managers could take a further gamble on youth, by bringing in Gary Havelock and Andrew Silver, who is confirming all the promise he revealed last season in the National League.

CRICKET: HAMPSHIRE FEEL THE FORCE AS ROEBUCK SCORES HIS THIRD CENTURY IN SUCCESSIVE MATCHES

Somerset pair's record partnership helps set formidable target

By Simon Wilde

A magnificent unbroken partnership between Peter Roebuck and Martin Crowe of 269 in 39 overs, a third-wicket record for any one day competition in Britain, put Somerset in an almost unassailable position against Hampshire at Southampton yesterday. Crowe scored an unbeaten 155 and Roebuck 110 not out as their side made 319 for two in this Benson and Hedges Cup Group C match.

Crowe's score and the innings total were both Somerset records in this competition, while Roebuck's century was his third in five days. The previous best third-wicket partnership in this' competition was 268 unbroken by Gooch and Fletcher at Hove in 1982.

Crowe, who faced 121 balls, came into his own after lunch, scoring 112 of the 177 the pair plundered off the last 17 overs of the innings. It was during this period he hit all of the five sixes that supplemented his 12 fours. He reached his 50 off 66 balls in the second over after the interval and shortly after took 12 runs off the forty-third over bowled by James, including a miscued hook over the slips for six. James's next over brought Crowe another 18 runs, one glorious hook for six being followed by another only finer, two balls later.

By the time the 200 partnership came up in the fiftieth over, the Hampshire fielding was becoming decidedly ragged and the final five overs realised a further 62. One Nicholas over went for 16, as Crowe followed a pulled six with a boundary to bring up his third 50 in 24 balls; his second had taken 26.

During all this, Roebuck was far from quiet, but he had really stolen the limelight earlier in the day, when he looked more like Crowe himself. Once he had settled in, he played with a rare freedom.

There was a Botham touch about the way he changed his bat for the final over, and it worked, for he hit the third ball over Tremlett's head and into the Northlands Road.

Marshall and Connor had begun by producing a lively opening spell in which only 13 runs came from the first nine overs, and when Somerset were 50 for two in the sixteenth, it looked as though Nicholas's decision to put Somerset in was justified.

No side had ever scored so many runs in the second innings of a limited overs match as Hampshire needed to win when they began their innings. A brief shower delayed play during the first over and in the ninth Graham Rose struck a significant blow to any hopes they still retained when Greenidge, fresh from his 172 against Surrey on Sunday, top-edged a hook to mid-wicket.

Hampshire's progress was held up by two further stoppages, one for bad light and one for another shower. Terry played soundly before falling to a fine diving catch by the wicket keeper, Burns, for 63. After that wickets fell at regular intervals as Somerset moved towards a place in the quarter finals.

SOMERSET

N A Felton c James b Tremlett	11
*P M Roebuck not out	110
J J E Hardy c Terry b Tremlett	19
M D Crowe not out	155
Extras (lb 11, w 10, nb 3)	24
Total (2 wkts, 55 overs)	319

R J Harden, V J Marks, †N D Burns, G D Rose, N A Mallender, A N Jones and G V Palmer did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-27, 2-50.

BOWLING: Marshall 11-1-42-0; Connor 11-2-72-0; Tremlett 11-1-60-2; James 10-0-61-0; Cowley 7-0-37-0; Nicholas 5-0-36-0.

HAMPSHIRE

C G Greenidge c Foster b Rose	17
V P Terry C Burns b Jones	63
*M C J Nicholas c Burns b Crowe	28
D R Turner not out	88
C L Smith c Burns b Jones	2
K D James b Rose	5
M D Marshall b Rose	0
N G Cowley b Mallender	10
T M Tremlett c Hardy b Palmer	10
†R J Parks not out	0
Extras (b, lb, w, nb)	19
Total (8 wkts, 48 overs)	240

C A Connor to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-86, 3-149, 4-159, 5-178, 6-178, 7-199, 8-240.

Umpires D R Shepherd and A A Jones

Gooch strikes it rich as he regains the Midas touch

By Alan Lee

CHELMSFORD: Essex (2pts) bt Middlesex by eight wickets

Graham Gooch has suffered too many days recently when nothing has gone right. Yesterday the wheel turned full circle. Essex's captain discarded his troubles to play the decisive role as Middlesex were destroyed and, barring a mathematical miracle, eliminated from the cup they won last July.

After five noughts in eight innings Gooch discovered the Midas touch. He won the toss and, as Middlesex were put out for 113 between the showers, he took two wickets and a catch.

Then, as if the pressure had lifted from his shoulders, he struck the ball with all his old power and timing in an impressive 53 not out. To nobody's surprise, he won the Gold Award for a record thirteenth time.

Essex still need to beat Hampshire tomorrow if they are to qualify for the last eight but for Middlesex this was just another distressing day.Their record stands at four defeats and one narrow escape in five competitive games, the worst start to a summer most of this team have ever experienced.

Three overs were enough to take the heart out of the contest. Middlesex were then in a state of symmetrical shambles at three for three, each of the victims falling lbw to late swing and Foster thoughtfuly ensuring that his England captain, Gatting, did no further damage to his protected finger by allowing him only six balls.

When Butcher was beaten off the pitch and caught left-handed by Gooch at slip in Lever's fourth over Middlesex were 10 for four with all the strokemakers gone and their fate firmly in the hands of cricket's salvage expert, Clive Radley. He did not let them down. In 24 seasons he seldom has.

Radley did add 43 in 19 overs with Downton, another good man in a crisis, but Gooch extended his influence over affairs by himself removing Downton with an outswinger and then recalling Lever, whose third ball was too good for Emburey.

The tailenders, having watched their betters perish to tentative strokes, wisely abandoned caution and the fact that Middlesex even achieved modest respectability was due to some lavish blows from Edmonds and, more memorably, Daniel, while Radley reached 30 in 38 overs before nudging a short ball into his own stumps.

Page, who has not enjoyed the smoothest start as Essex's overseas player, took the last three wickets and indicated that he may have conquered his no-ball problem and recaptured his rhythm.

If this was a relief for Essex followers, it was nothing to the reaction which greeted the sight of Gooch coming confidently on to the front foot and driving his first ball from Daniel past cover for three.The cheer would have done justice to the winning of the cup itself.

MIDDLESEX

R Roseberry lbw b Foster	2
W N Slack lbw b Lever	0
*M W Gatting lbw b Foster	0
C T Radley b Page	30
R O Butcher c Gooch b Lever	3
†P R Downton c Miller b Gooch	19
J E Emburey c East b Lever	0
P H Edmonds c Foster b Gooch	14
N F Williams lbw b Page	12
S P Hughes not out	2
W W Daniel b Page	17
Extras (b 5, w 9)	14
Total (43.4 overs)	113

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-2, 3-3, 4-10, 5-53, 6-54, 7-74, 8-91, 9-94.

BOWLING: Foster 9-0-13-2; Lever 11-3-31-3; Page 9.4-2-26-3; Pringle 6-0-19-0; Gooch 8-1-19-2.

ESSEX

*G A Gooch not out	53
C Gladwin b Hughes	24
B R Hardie c Downton b Hughes	9
K W R Fletcher not out	13
Extras (lb 2, w 2, nb 11)	15
Total (2 wkts, 25.1 overs)	114

D R Pringle, A W Lilley, G Miller, †D E East, N A Foster, H A Page and J K Lever did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-96.

BOWLING: Daniel 8-0-49-0; Williams 8-0-28-0; Gatting 5-1-17-0; Hughes 4.1-1-18-2.

Umpires: B J Meyer and K E Palmer.

Sharp gives Yorkshire edge

By Richard Streeton

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Worcestershire, with five wickets in hand, need 98 runs for victory.

Arnie Sidebottom, the Yorkshire fast bowler, took four for seven in 29 balls as Worcestershire made a dreadful start yesterday, as they set out to make 144 to win this Benson and Hedges Cup match. When bad light ended play just before 7pm, they were 46 for five from 38 overs.

An unpredictable pitch always made batting difficult and Yorkshire might have been humiliated without a gutsy and careful innings by Sharp. Carrick clearly had his suspicions about the pitch after overnight rain prevented play until 1.25pm. He had a long consultation with Bairstow before choosing to bat.

From the start the Worcestershire seam bowlers relished the conditions. The ball regularly deviated off the pitch and went through at different heights. It was bitterly cold and the light, too, was often poor.

Dilley and Radford, the new ball bowlers, each took an early wicket, with the help of good catches by Botham at second slip. After this it was Pridgeon and Newport, bowling their overs straight through, who kept Yorkshire subdued. Each took two wickets. Pridgeon produced a brute of a ball to undo Moxon in the eighteenth over. It pitched on the batsman's legs and clipped the off stump. Neil Hartley lifted a catch to long leg and Yorkshire were 67 for five when Bairstow mistimed a shot and was held at mid-on.

The best stand of the innings came when Jarvis helped Sharp add 41 in 11 overs for the ninth wicket. Jarvis was finally caught at mid-on. Sharp, who claimed four of the nine boundaries Yorkshire managed, was left undefeated with 64 after battling on through 44 overs.

After tea, Worcestershire's collapse emphasized how well Sharp had played. Sidebottom began his remarkable spell when he had Weston leg-before in his second over and Hick caught at short leg in his fourth. Hick was dismissed as he tried to keep down a lifting ball.

As the light worsened, Jarvis beat Curtis with sheer speed and in the next over Sidebottom had Neale caught behind. Botham played an anxious maiden from Sidebottom and had faced 14 balls when he was out. He took two short steps forward against Sidebottom and was leg-before to a shooter and Worcestershire were 27 for five. Sidebottom was rested after this with his analysis reading 7-3-9-4.

YORKSHIRE

M D Moxon b Pridgeon	20
A A Metcalfe c Botham b Dilley	9
R J Blakey c Botham b Radford	5
K Sharp not out	64
S N Hartley c Dilley b Pridgeon	7
†D L Bairstow c Hick b Newport	0
*P Carrick c Rhodes b Radford	10
A Sidebottom c d'Oliveira b Newport	0
P J Hartley c Rhodes b Radford	1
P W Jarvis c Hick b Dilley	11
S D Fletcher b Botham	1
Extras (b 6, w 9)	15
Total (53.4 overs)	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-20, 3-47, 4-65, 5-67, 6-96, 7-97, 8-98, 9-139.

BOWLING: Dilley 10-3-17-2; Radford 11-2-35-3; Botham 10.4-1-31-1; Pridgeon 11-2-26-2; Newport 11-0-28-2.

WORCESTERSHIRE

T S Curtis b Jarvis	14
M J Weston lbw b Sidebottom	0
G A Hick c Blakey b Sidebottom	2
*P A Neale c Bairstow b Sidebottom	4
D B d'Oliveira not out	9
I T Botham lbw b Sidebottom	2
†S J Rhodes not out	8
Extras (lb 5, nb 2)	7
Total (5 wkts, 17 overs)	46

P J Newport, A P Pridgeon, N V Radford and G R Dilley to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-19, 3-23, 4-23, 5-27.

Umpires: R Julian and D Lloyd

Flying start: Clinton, Surrey's opening batsman, on his way to 71 against Glamorgan at the Oval yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Surrey in strong position

THE OVAL: Glamorgan, with eight wickets in hand, need 183 runs in 30 overs to beat Surrey

Surrey, firmly in the driving seat in Group D of the Benson and Hedges Cup after their win over Kent, are well placed to strengthen their position at the expense of Glamorgan.

Surrey's innings of 241 for five bore a formidable look even before Glamorgan began uneasily, losing Hopkins to Clarke without a run on the board. This was in direct contrast to Surrey's start, with Clinton (71) and Falkner (58) adding 123 for the first wicket.

Greg Thomas, watched by the chairman of the England selectors, Peter May, gave the opening batsmen the odd uneasy moment after Surrey had been put in, but both had passed 50 by lunch.

Stoppages for rain and bad light curtailed the afternoon session, but when play was possible Surrey kept going at a good pace and there was a sting in the tail. Smith, who had retired hurt with a back injury when seven, returned to help Richards extract 41

Glamorgan, who were without their Indian all-rounder, Shastri, who has a stomach upset, lost their second wicket at 26, which left a heavy burden for Butcher, the former Surrey opening batsman, and Ontong. They took the score to 59 for two by tea. Bad light prevented a resumption

THE OVAL:(Glamorgan won toss):Glamorgan, with 8 wickets in hand require 183 runs to win, off 30 overs.

SURREY

G S Clinton c Ontong b Holmes	71
N J Falkner c Derrick b Smith	58
M A Lynch c Morris b Holmes	28
D M Smith not out	29
T E Jesty b van Zyl	4
†C J Richards not out	28
*I A Greig c Metson b Thomas	10
Extras (lb 13)	13
Total (5 wkts, 55 overs)	241

C K Bullen, D J Thomas, M A Feltham and S T Clarke did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-123, 2-154, 3-171, 4-179, 5-200.

BOWLING: Thomas 11-0-50-1; van Zyl 11-2-45-1; Barwick 11-0-49-0; Derrick 6-1-20-0; Ontong 11-0-47-1; Holmes 5-1-17-2.

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins c Richards b Clarke	0
*H Morris c Lynch b Thomas	12
A R Butcher not out	33
R C Ontong not out	10
Extras (b 4)	4
Total (2 wkts, 25 overs)	59

G C Holmes, M P Maynard, J G Thomas, †C P Metson, J Derrick, S R Barwick and C J P G van Zyl to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-26.

Umpires: J H Harris and R Palmer.

Innings by Bailey steals the thunder

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON (Gloucestershire won the toss): Northamptonshire have scored 148 for one wicket against Gloucestershire

Rain twice interrupted, and finally arrested, Northamptonshire's attractive progress towards a susbstantial total in their Benson and Hedges Cup, Zone A, match yesterday. No play was possible after 2.30, by when Robin Bailey (73) and his captain, Geoff Cook (46), had shared an unbroken second-wicket partnership of 119.

Bailey's innings was timely, for the England team manager, Mickey Stewart, was present and the party for the one-day internationals against Pakistan is due to be announced this weekend. He played once for the England XI in the Sharjah Cup last month and his clean and powerful striking, which brought him nine fours from the 98 balls he has so far faced, and the capable way he handles fast bowling, make him a live contender for a place

On an excellent-looking pitch, true but with enough pace to keep Walsh and Lawrence interested. Gloucestershire had the early fillip of Larkins's wicket in the tenth over. Larkins, another England candidate — particularly in the light of Gooch's poor run — has been scoring heavily this season, averaging more than 100 in the county championship, and he looked good for plenty more as he smacked Walsh to the cover boundary and then pulled Lawrence for six.

Lawrence, however, in his next over produced a good ball that left Larkins late to have him caught at the wicket. Thereafter, while Bailey bore the brunt of the scoring, Cook was content to perform his usual role of anchorman, but also produced pleasant drives of his own which kept the scorboard ticking over between the showers. Gloucestershire, their fielders chilled by a blustery wind and their bowlers latterly handicapped by a wet ball, were not sorry to take refuge in the pavilion.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

*G Cook not out	46
W Larkins c Russell b Lawrence	18
R V J Bailey not out	73
Extras (lb 4, w 5, nb 2)	11
Total (1 wkt, 35.3 overs)	148

A J Lamb, D J Capel, R G Williams, D J Wild, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, W W Davis and A Walker to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE:A W Stovold, P W Romaines, C W J Athey, P Bainbridge, A J Wright, K M Curran, M W Alleyne, †R C Russell, *D A Graveney, C A Walsh and D V Lawrence

Umpires: J H Holder and D O Oslear.

Weather leaves Kent tie in the balance

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY (Kent won toss): Kent have scored 99 for three against Sussex.

Hailstones, lightning and thereafter drizzle ended play yesterday in this Benson and Hedges Cup match after 32 overs had been bowled. It is nicely poised, Kent having made indeterminate progress.

It was a typical cup morning at Canterbury, cars ringing the ground well before the scheduled start. Owning to overnight rain, play did not commence until 11.45am. Kent chose to bat, mindful that the fielding side would have to bowl with a wet ball.

Benson soon went, fishing outside the off-stump at le Roux. Hinks middled some shots, played too early at other times and with Aslett brought the 50 up in the eighteenth over.

When Colin Wells overpitched, Hinks twice drove him straight for fours. It meant that Reeve replaced him and, in his second over, Aslett drove to uppishly to mid-wicket where Pigott took a low catch.

In Reeve's next over he bowled Tavaré, the batsman playing over the ball. Hinks reached a half century off 79 balls with eight fours but was unable to progress much further. Hailstones were soon giving the ground the appearance of a Christmas card.

Today with the weather forecast ominous, we maybe reduced to a 10 overs a side contest. It might have been possible to have squeezed in a few more overs in the early evening, but by then the umpires were not for returning.

KENT

M R Benson c Gould b Hinks	7
S G Hinks not out	56
D G Aslett c Pigott b Reeve	15
C J Tavaré b Reeve	1
*C S Cowdrey not out	11
Extras (b 3, w 3, nb 3)	9
Total (3 wkts, 32 overs)	99

G R Cowdrey, E A E Baptiste, †S A Marsh, C Penn, A P Igglesden and D L Underwood to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-65, 3-68.

SUSSEX:A M Green, R I Alikhan, P W G Parker, A P Wells, C M Wells, N J Lenham, *†I J Gould, G S Le Roux, D A Reeve, A C S Pigott and A M Babington.

Umpires: B Dudleston and J A Jameson.

No play yesterday

SOUTHPORT: Lancashire v Scotland

DERBY: Derbyshire v Pakistanis (match abandoned)

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Benson and Hedges Cup: Derby v Northants, May 4: Northants 300 all out, not 300 for 9. A Walker run out 0, not not out 0.

TENNIS

When the canvas was too big for a modern master

From Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, Rome

Miloslav Mecir, who had been seeded to dispose of John McEnroe in a quarter-final, was beaten 6-1, 3-6, 6-4 by Anders Jarryd in the first round of the Italian championships yesterday. "What happened?" somebody asked Mecir. "I lost 6-4 in the third," responded the straight-faced Czechoslovak, who is given to laconic humour.

What happened was that Jarryd played too consistently well for a man who has won more prize-money than anyone else this year (about £286,000) but, in the process, has travelled too far too often, shifting from one surface to another. For weeks, too, Mecir has been unable to shake off a bad cold that, on top of everything else, has helped to drain the zest out of him.

Thus it was that the crowd put themselves round an outside court to watch the Michaelangelo of modern tennis and discovered that the artist was working with gloves on. The brush strokes were blurred, the inspiration missing. The spring-heeled Jarryd is no artist - more or a souped-up ant. He is always busy, always full of purpose.

Yesterday, too, Jarryd varied his game in an effort to deny Mecir the patterns and rhythms with which Mecir loves to toy. At 5-1 up in the third set a little self-doubt set in. Three games and three match points became ominous memories for the Swede before Mecir, who was beginning to play well, hit a forehand long to jump into the grave Jarryd had dug for him.

While this was going on, Mats Wilander was beating Andrei Chesnokov 6-2, 6-3 on the thinly populated, quiet, almost sleepy centre court. Wilander and Chesnokov played care-worn points while others were playing games. These fine players do not excel as entertainers. There are men who carve wood into objects of beauty and others who merely chop or saw. But only Mecir and Stefan Edberg have won more money than Wilander this year.

Finally, a few after thoughts about the restoration of tennis to the Olympics. The arguments for and against have become as hackneyed as the speculation about the election date but both issues, thank goodness, have now been settled. Yesterday 16 of the most widely experienced tennis writers, from seven nations, were asked whether or not they favoured Olympic tennis. Eight said yes and eight said no. Those in favour, who have had their way, mostly asserted that the Olympics were already semi-professional and might as well go all the way.

Well, that will not happen at Seoul, where the professionals will play under several restrictions, including the absence of prize-money. But it could happen at later Olympics now that a breakthrough has been made. It is unfortunate that many leading players will ignore the Seoul Olympic Games, where the tennis tournament — part of what should be the supreme sporting festival — will not even rank among the six most distinguished events of the tennis year.

Olympic tennis has become an indigestively heavy subject. But Wilander, better company off court than he is on it, lightly spiced the dish for us after he had finished work yesterday. "I don't understand why they are doing this," he said. "Tennis is going so well, as a business - and suddenly they put us back in the Olympics.

"The Olympics don't have motor racing, Formula One. Winning Monte Carlo would be much better anyway. And it's the same for us. I don't really care if I win the Olympics. If I decide to go, it will be because I want to see the other sports.

"What they came up with is completely wrong. We have to take a month off from Grand Prix tennis, which is going to hurt us and hurt other tournaments. And we have to stay in the Olympic Village. There's no way you can play your best tennis if you stay in a room with five other people. They could say we can't play two-handed backhands, only one-handed backhand. They should either let us play as we are, as professionals, or not at all."

RESULTS: First round: M Pernfors (Swe) bt L Pimek (Cz), 4-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Berger (US) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; C Mezzadri (It) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-2, 6-3; T Tulasne (Fr) bt P McNamee (Aus), 6-3, 6-3; J Yzaga (Peru) bt F Cancellotti (It), 5-7, 6-4, 7-5; R Agenor (Haiti) bt C Pistolesi (It), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; I Lendl (Cz) bt C Panatta (It), 6-2, 6-3; A Jarryd (Swe) bt M Mecir (Cz), 6-1, 3-6, 6-4.

Graf for Olympics

West Berlin, (Reuter) - The West German teenager, Steffi Graf, said she would definitely play in next year's Olympics in Seoul after the decision of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to admit tennis professionals. Miss Graf won the Olympic demonstration tournament in 1984 in Los Angeles as a 15-year-old.

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Louis cruises through

Jo Louis, the British Under-21 international from Exmouth, found an easier than expected passage into the last 16 of the women's singles at the Hi-Tec hard court tournament at Lee-on-Solent yesterday.

Miss Louis, aged 20, an unseeded quarter-finalist in the third leg of the Lawn Tennis Association's spring circuit in Bournemouth last week, needed only an hour to beat an American qualifier, Margaret Redfearn, 6-1, 6-3.

Miss Redfearn had played well to survive the weekend's qualifying competition, coming through the more difficult section of the draw. But Miss Louis had soon drawn her firepower, taking the first four games of the opening set, which included a run of 10 consecutive points between the second and fourth games. She also had a point to make it 5-0but her opponent, who was already beginning to look outclassed, sneaked the game after a double fault by Miss Louis.

Miss Louis also won eight points out of nine to go 2-0 up in the second set, and, after getting off the hook in the fourth game, despite a couple of double faults, she virtually secured her second round place with another three successive winning games to lead 5-1. Miss Redfearn, who had looked ill at ease in the swirling wind, put in a late challenge to snatch the next two games, but it was never enough to upset a solid performance from the Devon player.

Now Miss Louis takes on another American, Elizabeth Galphin, who caused the first upset of the tournament by beating the seventh seed, Anne-Karin Olsson, of Sweden, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

New boy

St Helens rugby league club have signed Neil Gavin, aged 17, a Lancashire Youth loose forward, from local amateur club Blackbrook.

In the market

PSV Eindhoven, the Dutch champions, are hoping to sign Uwe Rahn, the West German midfield player, from Borussia Mönchengladbach.

ATHLETICS

Lewis out to leave his mark

Carl Lewis has been likened to the great Jesse Owens and hailed as one of the best athletes of all time, but he will not rest until he has something that has always eluded him, a world record, preferably in the long jump. The record, undoubtedly the most difficult of all, is held by the American, Bob Beamon with his breathtaking leap of 29 ft 2½in (8.90m) at the Mexico Olympic Games in 1968.

"Now I am going to give myself the opportunity to jump further and run faster," Lewis says."By that I mean concentrate on only one event in certain meets. If I give myself the chance there is no doubt I can do it. Long jump is my favourite event and I'd like it to happen in that - but I will also be going for the 100 metres and 200m records."

Lewis, whose preparations for the World Athletics Championships in Rome this year are well under way, is brimming with confidence, shrugging off claims of a rivalry battle in the sprints with the Canadian, Ben Johnson - currently rated as the fastest man in the world.

"I am not into this one-on-one rivalry, I just love to run - and you can't afford to forget that there are a lot of other very talented people out there," Lewis reasons. "I'd like to go back in all the same events and defend my titles. In Rome that will be my main goal."

Lewis outlines his ambitions in a rare television interview for 'Sportsnight' on BBC-1, tonight (10.15 pm), when he talks to Brendan Foster about the career that has brought him international fame, fortune, and a glittering array of gold medals.

FOOTBALL

Allofs in move to Marseilles

Cologne (Reuter) - West German soccer captain Klaus Allofs said yesterday that he had signed a three-year contract to play for Marseille, the French league leaders, from next season.

He made the announcement after returning from Paris where he met Marseille president Bernard Tapie to finalise the deal.

Allofs, a forward who played for West Germany in last year's World Cup final in Mexico, recently won his 50th cap

Evening racing results

Nottingham

Going: firm

5.45 (2m) 1, Hyokin (Kim Tinkler, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Alacazam (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Mr Moss (12-1). 6 ran. ¾l, 4l. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.10; £1.80, £1.20. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.97.

6.15 (5f) 1, Mister Mac (Kim Tinkler, 11-8 fav); 2, Ela-Yianni-Mou (8-1); 3, Nations Game (10-1). 8 ran. Off: 6.18. 2, 2½. N Tinkler. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £5.70. CSF: £11.29.

6.45 1, Sherjan (T Ives, 2-1); 2, Mac's Fighter (7-4 fav); 3, Minizen Magic (33-1). 19 ran. NR West Ashby. 2l, 4l. L Piggott. Tote: £3.50; £1.60, £1.20, £14.20. DF: £6.45. CSF: £6.48.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm.

5.45 (1m 2f) 1, Honey Line (W Newnes, 6-4); 2, Bustle Along (25-1); 3, Height Of Elegance (Evens fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 8l. H Candy. Tote: £2.10; £1.40, £5.00, £1.10. DF: £23.90. CSF: £30.12.

6.15 (5f) 1, Miss Wesley (B Rouse, 5-1); 2, Three Castles (4-1); 3, Bibicas (8-1). San Gabriel 4-5 fav. 5 ran. ¾l, 2l. R Hannon. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £12.10. CSF: £21.29.

6.45 (7f) 1, Lucky Starkist (S Dawson, 6-1 jt-fav); 2, Commander Meaden (14-1); 3, Concert Pitch (6-1 jt-fav). Stilebeke, Gallat Hope 6-1 jt-favs. 13 ran. NR: Another Monkey. 2l, 1l. R Holder. Tote: £6.80; £2.40, £4.00, £2.10. DF: £75.20. CSF: £77.16. Tricast: £475.24.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Toronto Blue Jays 4, Kansas City Royals 0; Seattle Mariners 4, Boston Red Sox 3; New York Yankees 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Minnesota Twins 10, Baltimore Orioles 4; California Angels 5, Detroit Tigers 1; Texas Rangers 6, Cleveland Indians 3 (game shortened to five innings due to rain). National League: Cincinnati Reds 12, New York Mets 2; Montreal Expos 7, Atlanta Braves 6; Philadelphia Phillies 7, Houston Astros 6.

BOWLS

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Luton: Eastern Counties 118, Bedfordshire 121. Wellingborough: Midland Counties 116, Wellingborough 140. Intercounty: Erewash: Derbyshire 112, Essex Tourists 124. Nottingham: Nottinghamshire 120, Durham Tourists 135. Henley: Oxfordshire 91, Northumberland Tourists 138.

CYCLING

TOUR OF SPAIN: 19th stage (Barco de Avila-Avila; 213km): 1, L Fignon (Fr) 5hrs 47min 25sec; 2, L Herrera (Col) at 1:10; 3, P Poisson (Fr), 2:08, 4, Y Madiot (Fr); 5, O Hernandez (Col); 6, R Cordoba (Sp); 7, O Vargas (Col), 8, P Delgado (Sp); 9, R Dietzen (Sp); 10, H Cardenas (Col) all same time. Overall placings: 1, L Herrera 91hr 18min 25sec; 2, R Dietzen at 1:04; 3, L Fignon at 3:39; 4, P Delgado at 3:54; 5, O de Jesus Vargas at 3:57; 6, V Belda (Spain) at 4:40; 7, L Cubino (Sp) at 5.00; 8, A Fuerte (Spa) at 5.01; 9, Y Madiot at 5.25; 10, H Cardenas at 7:02. British: 21, Martin Earley at 15:36.

PEACE RACE: Team positions after third stage: 1, USSR, 32hr 50min 10sec; 2, East Germany, at 15sec; 3, Poland, 1:03.

GOLF

WANSTEAD: Watney Combe Reid Classic: First round: 66: N Burke (Chipstead). 68: K Ashdown (Ilford), R Gray (Thornton Park). 69: N Brown (Mid Herts), H Flatman (Romford), R Cameron (Sundridge Park), H Stott (Shirley Park), C Laurence (The Warren).

SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus) 1646 pts; 2, S Ballesteros (Sp) 1308; 3, B Langer (WG) 1198; 4, T Nakajima (Jap) 883; 5, P Stewart (US) 875; 6, L Wadkins (US) 742; 7, S Lyle (GB) 721; 8, H Sutton (US) 696, 9, I Aoki (Jap) 689; 10, R Tway (US) 687.

USPGA TOUR: Leading money winners (US unless stated): 1, P Azinger $444,450 (about £270,000); 2, P Stewart 371,152; 3, M Calcavecchia 341,572; 4, C Pavin 324,899; 5, B Crenshaw 316,832; 6, L Wadkins 296,829; 7, H Sutton 281,357; 8, L Mize 263,195; 9, F Couples 257,495; 10, B Langer (WG) 257,488;11, S Simpson 238,250; 12, C Strange 232,528; 13, G Norman (Aus) 230,231, 14, S Lyle (GB) 230,192; 15, D Frost (SA) 224,001; 16, C Tze-Chung (Taiwan) 200,184; 17, J Haas 184,167; 18, T Kite 180,061, 19, S Ballesteros (Sp) 177,018; 20, D Love 174,323. British: 26, K Brown, 137,892; 112, N Faldo, 31,898.

HANG GLIDING

NEWTOWN, Mid-Wales: National League: Final day: 1, M Carnet (Brighton) 1116 pts; 2, J Carr (Brighton) 958; 3, K Tipple (Basingstoke) 947. Overall positions: 1, J Pendrey (Brighton) 1838; 2, Carnet 1709; 3, D Arkwright (Marlborough) 1583.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup play-off series: Campbell Conference: Final. Edmonton Oilers 3, Detroit Red Wings 2 (Oilers lead series 3-1).

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Exeter 19, Wimbledon 15; Abandoned — rain; Newcastle 44, Mildenhall 34.

LEAGUE CUP: Reading 45, Belle Vue 38; Wolves 48, Bradford 30.

TENNIS

LEE-ON-SOLENT: Hi-Tec Hardcourt Tennis Tournament: Men: Singles: First round: N Borwick (Aus) bt A Lance (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; T Theine (WG) bt A Brice (Cheshire) 6-2, 6-1; J Frisette (Bel) bt I Peter-Budge (Aus) 7-6, 6-1; W Green (SA) bt L Matthews (Hants) 6-2 6-3. W Green (SA) bt L Matthews (Hants) 6-2, 6-3. Women: Singles: First round: J Louis (Devon) bt M Redfearn (US) 6-1, 6-3; R Bielsa (Sp) bt A Segura (Sp) 6-1, 1-6, 6-3; M Lindquist (Swe) bt A Radics (Arg) 6-3, 6-4. E Galphin (US) bt A-K Olsson (Swe) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3. I Deruysscher (Bel) bt A Grunfeld (Lancs) 7-6, 6-3. K Karlsson (Swe) bt Y Shawit (Isr) 6-2, 6-3. T Wilmink (Neth) bt V Lake (Devon) 4-6 6-2 6-3; A Karlsson (Swe) bt B Borneo (Beds) 6-2 4-6 6-2; T Wilmink (Neth) bt V Lake (devon) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; A Bjork (Swe) bt F Osawa (japan) 6-4, 6-4; K Rickett (Warwickshire) bt M Yamada (Japan) 6-3, 6-2; A Karlsson (Swe) bt B Borneo (Beds) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

WEST BERLIN: West German Women's Open Championships: First round: C Sanger (WG) bt C Bartos-Cserepy (Switz), 2-6, 6-0, 6-1. S Cecchini (It) bt C Nozzoli (It), 6-2, 6-1; P Huber (Austria) bt A Betzner (WG), 6-1, 4-6, 7-6. E Krapl (Switz) bt E Pfaff (WG), 6-3, 6-3; M Perez-Roldan (Arg) bt S Lafratta (It), 6-2, 7-6.

DAVIS CUP: Eastern Zone: Second round: Thailand 3, Pakistan 2. European zone B: First round: Monaco 2, Portugal 3.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, I Lendl (Czech); 2, B Becker (WG); 3, S Edberg (Swe); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, M Mecir (Czech); 6, Y Noah (Fr); 7, H Leconte (Fr); 8, J McEnroe (US); 9, J Connors (US); 10, A Gomez (Ecuador); 11, T Mayotte (US), 12, K Carlsson (Swe); 13, P Cash (Aus); 14, M Pernfors (Swe); 15, B Gilbert (US); 16, E Sanchez (Sp); 17, M Jaite (Argentina); 18, J Kriek (US); 19, D Pate (US); 20, K Curren (US); 23, U Stenlund (Swe); 26, J Svensson (Swe); 28, A Jarryd (Swe), 29, J Nystrom (Swe). Leading money winners: 1, M Mecir (Czech), $485,854 (about £294,000) 2, S Edberg (Swe), 391,928; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 200,692; 4, A Gomez (Ecuador), 194,608. 5, Y Noah (Fr), 191,465; 6, J McEnroe (US), 189,743. 7, B Becker (WG), 177,254; 8, T Mayotte (US), 170,212; 9, I Lendl (Czech); C van Rensburg (SA), 112,225; 11, J Connors (US), 102,035, 12, P Annacone (US), 98,256; 13, A Jarryd (Swe), 95,802.14, S Zivojinovic (Czech), 88,547; 15, P Cash (Aus), 85,528;16, E Sanchez (Sp), 83,527; 17, D Pate (US), 76,663; 18, W Masur (Aus), 73,406.19, J Hlasek (Switz), 68,656.20, K Curren (US), 63,998.

WITA: Leading positions: 1, M Navratilova (US); 2, S Graf (WG); 3, C Evert (US); 4, H Mandlikova (Cz); 5, H Sukova (Cz); 6, P Shriver (US); 7, Z Garrison (US); 8, M Maleeva (Bulgaria), 9, G Sabatini (Argentina); 10, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG); 11, L McNeil (US); 12, B Bunge (switz):13, K Rinaldi (US); 14, C Lindqvist (Swe), 15, W Turnbull (Aus); 16, B Potter (US); 17, K Maleeva (Bulgaria); 18 M-J Fernandez (Dom Rep; 19, R Reggi (It); 20, S Hanika (WG). Leading money winners: 1, S Graf (WG) $342,750 (about £207,000) 2, C Evert (US) 310,650; 3, H Mandlikova (Cz) 252,059; 4, Z Garrison (US) 185,902. 5, W Turnbull (Aus) 172,111. 6, M Navratilova (US) 150,546; 7, H Sukova (Cz) 150,225; 8, P Shriver (US) 132,325. 9, L McNeil (US) 127,008.10, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) 114,000

WATER POLO

WORLD CUP: United States 8, Spain 7; USSR 11, Greece 4; Italy 10, Cuba 9. USSR 11, Cuba 10.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Aldenham 246-8 dec, Felsted 210-7. Arnold 223-5 dec. * Rossall 124-4: * Bancroft's 157-8 dec, Forest 160-7: Band of Brothers 235-8. *St Lawrence Ramsgate 239-7 (A Uzor 154 no); Blundells 131, *Clifton 132-2. Bradfield 127, *Sherborne 128-4; Bryanston 157, *Taunton 158-4. Canford 294-1, *King's Taunton, 226-7. *Chigwell 149-8, Ilford 98-9; *Christ. Brecon, 177-9, Monmouth 123-6. * Dauntseys 247-2 dec (J Porter 179 no). Colston's 193-8, *Dean Close 179. King's Worcester 137. *Dover 157-8. King's Canterbury 100-3. *Duke of York's RMS, Dover 141-8, Bethany 99-7, Eastbourne 141, *Cranleigh 118, Emanuel 230-9 dec, *Eltham 233-1 (T Prifti 132); *Enfield GS 168-8, St Edmund's Ware 172-8. *Eton 215-5. I Zingari 144; Exeter 151-9 dec. *Kelly 135-2; Exeter Univ 135, *Millfield 138-4; Free Foresters 254-4 (A Cunningham 114). *Marlborough 247-6; *Glenalmond 190, Fettes 120; Gresham's 198-4. *Norwich 94-8; *Haberdashers 160-8, Berkhamsted 161-8; *Haileybury 227-6, Bedford 135-7. *Harrow 210-9, M.C.C. 187-9 (R Nelson 7-52); Harvey GS 197-9 dec. *Maidstone GS 77-9. *Ipswich 232-4 dec (J Zagni 135). Colchester RGS 183-7. *Judd 112, Guildford RGS 115-5. * Kent College 143, King's, Rochester, 144-3; Kimbolton 98 (McCartney 9-23). *Bedford Modern 100-1; *King's Canterbury 202-2. Dulwich 172-5, *King Edwards Witley 66. Reeds 69-2. *Kingston GS 143, KCS Wimbledon 142-5. *King's Macclesfield 123, Cheadle Hulme 112; Lancing 208-9. *Ardingly 147-9 * Loughborough GS 221-5 dec, Bablake 76, MCC 191. *Marlborough 193-7 (G Barker 100 no); Merchant Taylors' Northwood 194-7. *St Pauls 192-8, Oundle 228-8. *The Leys 145-7; *Portsmouth GS 188-5 dec. Bournemouth GS 95-8; *Prior Park 182-7, Kingswood 184-6; QEGS Wakefield 206-9. *William Hulme's 209-3 (C Timm 143). * QE Hospital, Bristol 249-6. Wellington, Somerset, 117-7. *Queen's Taunton 179, Bristol GS 111, Radley 173 (R Fenwick 8-45). *Wellington 174-4: *Repton 233-6, Oakham 152: * Rugby 208, Warwick 53: *Ruthin 202-3 dec (N Banister 111), Wallington HS, 116-6; St John's, Leatherhead, 253-5 dec (SE Penfold 113). *Epsom 222-8. Solihull 281-6. *King Edwards Birmingham 277-9 (Inglis 155). Stowe 213-3 (A Morris 109). *Mill Hill 189-9; Wellingborough 133. * Perse 134-4, Wimbledon 146. *John Fisher 147-3 (M Drugnoli 100 no). Worcester RGS 169-8. *Pate's GS 134-9; *Allhallows 146, Free Foresters 149-1: Bradfield 127, *Canford 124, Band of Brothers 235-6 dec. *St Lawrence, Ramsgate 239-7 (A Uzor 154 no). * Christ's Hospital 241-4: dec (J Williams 116 no). Sussex Martlet's 218-6: Hurstpierpoint 228-8 dec, * Whitgift 140, * Watford GS 193-9 dec, High Wycombe RGS 161-7: * Wycliffe 168-5 dec, Bromsgrove 129-8.

* Denotes home team:

Free move

Brian Sparrow, the Crystal Palace defender, has been given a free transfer.

Feeney date

John Feeney of Hartlepool, the former British bantamweight champion, will meet Nottingham's Nigel Senior over eight rounds at the Crowtree Leisure Centre, Sunderland, on June 4.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

A Glaswegian puzzle book

CHOICE

● **Brond** (Channel 4, 10.00pm) opens on a shot of a big, grey war memorial in Glasgow. Robert, a university student, jogs by, his heavy breathing emphasized on the sound track. He stops on a bridge, where a ginger-haired boy is playing. Up comes a stranger who casually tips the boy into the river below, gives Robert a big wink and is swallowed up by Glasgow's mean streets. The stranger, a hulk of a man played by Stratford Johns, is the Brond of the title, an enigmatic figure who turns up again at a literary party. Robert is so disconcerted that he drops his wine glass. When Robert is rushed to hospital with peritonitis, Brond comes to visit – or is he just a figment of Robert's fevered imagination? Frederic Lindsay's thriller (which he has adapted from his novel) spends its first episode setting up puzzles, of which the identity of Brond is only the most central. Who is the violent and taciturn Primo (James Cosmo), apparently named after the boxer Primo Carnera? And why is Robert forced to call on Brond with a parcel? The answers must await later episodes. Meanwhile, despite the opaque plot, *Brond* teases sufficiently to maintain the attention. There is an effective contribution from a newcomer to television, John Hannah, as the bemused student, and a promising debut, too, from the director, a 29-year-old graduate of the National Film School, Michael Caton-Jones.

Peter Waymark

● *Peter Davalle writes:* The great loss radio has suffered through the recent death of the producer Alan Haydock is made dramatically clear by one of his last assignments, **Singer's Choice**, which tonight features the Swiss soprano Lisa della Casa (Radio 4, 7.45pm). Haydock was an artistic and sensitive soul, and in Nigel Douglas, the tenor and opera producer who presents these profiles, he has an extension of his personality. We may, with some justification perhaps, quibble that the Lisa della Casa profile lacks biographical detail and that we are not permitted to hear how this cool soprano who specialized in Mozart and Richard Strauss (especially his opera *Arabella)* could cope with the more passionate demands that Italian opera would make on her.

Stratford Johns and, as the student, John Hannah, in part one of the political thriller Brond (on Channel 4, 10.00pm)

Lisa della Casa as Strauss's Arabella,with Fischer-Dieskau: the soprano is featured in Singer's Choice (Radio 4, 7.45pm)

BBC1

6.00 **Ceefax AM. 6.55 Weather.**

7.00 **Breakfast Time**. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45,** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.**

8.40 **Watchdog.** In the Hot Seat this week is David Yardley, the Local Authorities' ombudsman **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 **News** and weather **9.05 Day to Day with Robert Kilroy-Silk. 9.45 Advice Shop.** Margo MacDonald investigates the rights of the mentally ill when they are in hospital, and the support available to the relatives once the patient leaves hospital.

10.00 **News** and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme news, and birthday greetings **10.30 Play School**. (r) **10.50 Paddington.** (r)

10.55 **Five to Eleven.** Fulton Mackay with a thought for the day **11.00** News and weather **11.05 The Big Time.** Joan Barrow, a farmer's wife from the Cotswolds, prepares for her first race under National Hunt rules, at Ayr. (r)

12.00 **News** and weather **12.05 Open Air** from the Northern Ideal Homes Exhibition at the G-MEX Centre, Manchester **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Weather **1.25 Neighbours.** Eileen and Des visit George in hospital. **1.50 Pie in the Sky.** (r)

2.05 **Film: Leopard in the Snow** (1977) starring Keir Dullea, Susan Penhaligon, and Kenneth More. Sentimental tale of a woman who, after abandoning her car in a blizzard, accepts shelter in the home of a racing driver, who has lived as a recluse since a crash left him scarred, mentally and physically. Directed by Gerry O'Hara. **3.35 ScreenStory.** A preview of the summer season of film stories.

3.50 **Caterpillar Trail** watches the work of a tree doctor. **4.10 Ulysses 31.** (r) **4.35 Take Two.** The guest is Biddy Baxter, editor of Blue Peter.

5.00 **John Craven's Newsround 5.10 The Eye of the Dragon.** Episode two of a five-part drama **5.35 The Raccoons.**

6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Nicholas Witchell and Philip Hayton. Weather.

6.35 **London Plus.**

7.00 **Wogan.** The guests include Sir David Napley, Auberon Waugh, and Esther Rantzen.

7.35 **Best of British.** Part four of the series celebrating 50 years of films from the Rank Studios features the English Roses.

8.00 **Dallas.** J.R. desperately defends himself against the Justice Department's charges. (Ceefax)

8.50 **Points of View.**

9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Julia Somerville and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 **Gold.** The story of the Brink's-Mat bullion robbery, using dramatic reconstructions. (Ceefax)

10.15 **Sportsnight** introduced by Steve Rider. Highlights of tonight's European Cup Winners Cup Final in Athens, between Ajax Amsterdam and Lokomotiv Leipzig. Plus, previews of the FA Cup and Scottish Cup Finals; and an interview with Carl Lewis.

11.40 **Devon's Underworld.** Andrew Cooper joins cavers and scientists in a search for a new cave near Buckfastleigh. (r)

12.10 **Weather.**

Edward Petherbridge and Harriet Walter in part one of the Dorothy L Sayers mystery Gaudy Night (on BBC2, 9.25pm)

BBC2

6.55 **Open University:** Nene College and the 80s. Ends at **7.20. 9.00 Ceefax.**

10.00 **Daytime on Two:** for four- and five-year-olds **10.15** Machines that rely on levers **10.38** The River Tees from source to mouth **11.00** Words and pictures **11.17** Information technology in everyday life **11.37 Ceefax.**

12.50 A French trainee chef at work and at play **1.05 Ceefax 1.38** Seal hunting by Eskimos. Subtitled for the hearing impaired **2.00** News and weather **2.02** Thinkabout **2.17** The goods the Crusaders brought back from the East.

2.37 **Ceefax.**

3.00 **News** and weather.

3.03 **Antiques Roadshow** from Chester. (r) (Ceefax)

3.50 **Beauty is in the Eye.** A five-year-old girl is transformed by Txucarranne Indians into an Amazon goddess. (r)

4.00 **News,** regional news, and weather.

4.10 **The Animals Roadshow.** (r)

4.45 **Around With Alliss.** Peter Alliss's partner is Jimmy Tarbuck. From Berkshire Golf Club. (r) (Ceefax)

5.15 **The Water Margin.** Adventures of a group of bandits who live in a marshy area of China. (r)

6.00 **Film: Seven Seas to Calais** (1962) starring Rod Taylor, Keith Michell, and Irene Worth. The swashbuckling adventures of Sir Francis Drake. Directed by Rudolph Mate.

7.40 **Cartoon Two.** Monkey Fishes the Moon.

7.50 **Only One Earth.** Part two of a Global Report series about eight individuals who have come to realise there is only one earth focuses on Lorraine Ross who lives in California's Silicon Valley. Her third daughter was born with severe heart defects at a time when there was a spate of stillbirths, miscarriages, and deaths among her friends.

8.20 **Painting With Light.** The electronic paintbox is passed to Larry Rivers.

9.00 **M*A*S*H.** The medics of the 4077th are looking forward to a visit from General MacArthur. (r)

9.25 **Gaudy Night.** Episode one of the three-part adaptation of the Dorothy L Sayers mystery which begins when Harriet Vane returns to her Oxford college to attend the annual 'gaudy'. (Ceefax)

10.20 **Secret Society.** Duncan Campbell investigates Britain's defensive radar system. (Ceefax)

10.50 **Newsnight. 11.35 Weather.**

11.40 **Open University:** Health and Disease - Life before Birth **12.05** International Marketing: Getting Paid. Ends at **12.35.**

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6.15 **TV-am**. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**

7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and video report at **8.35.** After Nine includes a You and Your Body discussion; and exercises.

9.25 **Thames news headlines.**

9.30 **Schools:** how to cope with sadness **9.42** Children's experiences at the dentist **9.59** Junior Maths: large numbers **10.16** Nocturnal hunters of the city's churchyards and cemeteries **10.33** Part three of the story, Voices in the Dark **11.03** Religious education: thanksgiving **11.22** The different species of birds to be found in cities **11.39** French.

12.00 **The Giddy Game Show.** (r) **12.10 Allsorts.**

12.30 **Australia's Birthplace: A Royal Salute.** The bicentennial celebrations, launched by The Queen and Prince Philip in Portsmouth, marking the occasion when 11 ships left the Solent with convicts bound for Australia. (continues at **2.00**)

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin includes a interview with Mrs Thatcher in the garden of No 10. **1.20 Thames news 1.30 Farmhouse Kitchen.** Home-made sweets and preserves.

2.00 **Australia's Birthplace: A Royal Salute.** Continuing coverage of the celebrations. The Queen and Prince Philip inspect the fleet of tall ships that will re-enact the run made 200 years ago by the first ships carrying convicts to Australia. **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.**

4.00 **Creepy Crawlies.** Paul Nicholas tells the story of The Meaning of it All **4.10 Dennis.** Cartoon series **4.20 Do It.** (Oracle) **4.35 How Dare You!** Slapstick fun. **4.45 Murphy's Mob.** Serial about a football team. (r)

5.15 **Pass the Buck.** Quiz game for couples.

5.45 **News 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **Help!** Viv Taylor Gee with benefits advice after a stroke.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Charles Mycroft is given promotion - with strings.

7.00 **Victorian Values.** The improvements made in Birmingham by Joseph Chamberlain when mayor of the city from 1873 to 1876. (Oracle)

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Audrey celebrates in the Rovers, but Alf has to leave early. (Oracle)

8.00 **Strike It Lucky.** Hi-tech quiz game.

8.30 **Who's the Greatest?** David Frost champions the cause of Ian Botham; Willie Rushton favours Garfield Sobers. (Oracle)

9.00 **Taggart.** Episode two of the murder mystery. (r) (Oracle)

10.00 **News at Ten** and weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 **War on Drugs.** The third and final programme of the series, and the moderator, Geoffrey Robertson, cross-examines those whose job it is to stop the spread of illegal drug use.

11.30 **Film: Visions of Death** (1972) starring Monte Markham and Telly Savalas. A professor tells the police he has had a premonition of a bomb attack. When the attack occurs the man becomes the prime suspect. Directed by Lee H Katzin. Ends at **12.50.**

Brian Moore (centre), host of Who's The Greatest?, with David Frost and William Rushton (ITV, 8.30pm)

CHANNEL 4

2.15 **Their Lordships' House.** A repeat of last night's programme of highlights of the day's proceedings in the House of Lords.

2.30 **Channel 4 Racing from York.** Brough Scott introduces coverage of the BBA Middleton Stakes (2.35); the Holsten Pils Stakes (3.05); the Mecca-Dante Stakes (3.40); and the 'Mail on Sunday' Three Year Old Series Stakes (4.10).

4.30 **Countdown.** Yesterday's winner of the words and numbers game is challenged by Ed Barral, originally from Colchester, now living in the South of France, who has appeared on the French version of the game.

5.00 **Born Free.** Part four of the adventure series set in the African bush, based on the lives of George and Joy Adamson, and the lioness Elsa. Rob Mallory joins forces with an unscrupulous businessman to sell his animals to zoos when his land is requisitioned by the government.

6.00 **My World and Welcome to It.** The first of a new comedy series based on the writings and drawings of the American humourist, James Thurber.

6.30 **The Making of Britain.** Dr David Dabydeen from Guyana argues that by the 1870s Britain was exploiting her colonies to the full.

7.00 **Channel 4 News.**

7.50 **Comment** from Alex Henney on the privatization of the electricity industry. Followed by Weather.

8.00 **The Victorian House.** Part four of the series examines the role of the house within its society. (Oracle)

8.30 **Diverse Reports.** It is estimated that the Conservatives will have only nine of the 72 MPs in Scotland returned in the general election. Should Scotland be ruled by such a small minority? A discussion between Malcolm Rifkind, Donald Dewar, Sir Russell Johnston, and Gordon Wilson.

9.00 **The Media Show.** Male-oriented advertising; and press coverage in South Africa are among the items in this edition of the media magazine show.

10.00 **Brond.** Episode one of a new three-part thriller starring Stratford Johns. (Oracle) (see Choice).

11.00 **Voices.** Three British analysts discuss Sigmund Freud and 'psychoanalysis - the impossible profession'

12.00 **Film: The Hidden Face*** (1965) A woman writes a book attacking an MP. When the politician kills himself, his son vows revenge. Directed by Patrick Dromgoole.

12.30 **Their Lordships' House.** Ends at **12.45.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Don't Break Your Heart **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** The Music of 'The Celts'. **12.10am-12.15** News and weather. **ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

BBC2 **SCOTLAND: 2.37pm-4.08** Conference 87 – The Conservative Party in Perth. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 11.37am-11.40** Interval **11.40-12.00** Ulster in Focus.

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm-1.3-** News **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **11.30** The Party **12.30am** Norfolk Angle. Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **11.30** Man in a Suitcase **12.30am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Whose Baby? **6.00-6.35** News **11.30** Film: Die Laughing **1.30am** Meltdown **2.30** Crime Casebook **3.00** Closedown, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Channel Report **6.20-7.00** Australia's Birthplace **11.30** Ben Sidran **12.30am** Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **11.30** Hart to Hart **12.30am** News. Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Punky Brewster **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **11.30** Attracta **12.35am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** News **11.30** Digance at Work **12.00** Short Story **12.45am** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **6.00pm-6.35** Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Live at One-Thirty **3.25** Crystal Tipps **3.30-4.00** Farmhouse Kitchen **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-6.35** Guide to Mayfest **11.30** Late Call **11.35** Scarecrow and Mrs King **12.35am** Closedown.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **11.30** Man in a Suitcase **12.30am** Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20-1.30pm** News **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **5.15-5.45** Connections **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.20-7.00** Australia's Birthplace **11.30** Ben Sidran **12.30am** Company. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Link **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Northern Life **11.30** Comedy Tonight **12.00** More Power to the Poor, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm-1.30** Lunchtime **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.25-6.35** Ask Anne **11.30** Doug Henning's World of Magic **12.25am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Lunchtime Live **1.20-1.30** News **5.15-5.45** Ask No Questions **6.00-6.35** Calendar **11.30** European Detective **12.40am** Jobfinder **1.40** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Schools **12.05** Interval **12.20** Film: Inspector Hornleigh* **1.45** Their Lordships' House **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Racing **4.30** Ffalabalam **4.45** Cadwgan **5.00** Bilidowcar **5.30** Pocket Money Programme **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Plants for Free **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Rygbi **8.15** Hel Straeon **9.00** Diwrnod Arall **9.30** Film: The Choice **11.20** Club Mix **11.45** Diverse Reports **12.15am** Closedown.

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Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour. Sports round-up **8.50am.** Cricket Scoreboard **7.30pm**
4.00am Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young with Education Secretary Kenneth Baker **1.05** David Jacobs **2.05** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love, **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Folk on 2 (the Yetties) **8.30** Acoustic Roots (music of Africa) **9.00** Ever-Ready Band **10.00** A Wealth of Wisdom (Norman Wisdom) **10.15** The Cambridge Buskers, with Olpihant Chuckerbutty Ocarina Choir **10.30** The Music Goes Round and Round at 78 rpm **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Meridian 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Development '87 8.00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Classical Record Review 8.30 Brain of Britain 1987 9.00 News 9.09 Review of British Press 9.15 World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by: Look Ahead 9.45 Cantabile 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus (until 10.30) 11.00 News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Island People 11.25 A Letter 11.30 Meridian 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Time for Verse 12.25 Farming World 12.45 Sport 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four Hours 1.30 Development '87 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 2.45 Report on Religion 3.00 Radio Newsreel 3.15 Visions of Humanism 3.30 Vintage Comedy 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary (until 4.15) 7.00 Outlook, opening with News 7.39 Stock Market Report 7.45 Good Books 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Assignment 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Counterpoint 9.45 Recording of Week 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 A Letter From Wales 10.30 Financial News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Write On... 11.30 Multitrack 2 – Top Twenty 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Vintage Comedy 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 Pleasures of Seeking 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Assignment 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today (until 3.30) 4.45 Reflections 4.50 Financial News 5.00 News 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. All times in GMT

Radio 3

6.55 Open University. Open Forum: University Magazine

6.55 Weather **7.00** News

7.05 Morning Concert: Elgar (Introduction and Allegro, Op 47: Allegri Quartet and Sinfonia of London), Chopin (Nocturne in C sharp minor, Op 27 No 1; Waltz in A minor, Op 34 No 2: Dang Thai Son, piano), Ibert (Escales: French National Radio Orchestra), Schubert (Quartet movement in C minor, D 703: Hagen Quartet). **8.00** News

8.05 Concert (continued): Louis Glass (The Hill of the Elves suite: Odense SO), Vivaldi (Bassoon Concerto in A minor, RV 498: Academy of St Martin-in-Fields, with Martin Gatt, bassoon), Roussel (Symphony No 4: French National Orchestra)

9.00 World Service News

9.10 This Week's Composers: Arriaga and Soler. Arriaga (String Quartet No 2: Rasoumovsky Quartet), Soler (Quintet No 3 in G, for harpsichord and strings: Rouen Chamber Orchestra, with Laurence Boulay, harpsichord; Sonatas in C sharp minor, R 21 and F major, R 89: Alicia de Larrocha, piano)

9.55 Water Spirits: Gliere (The Sirens: Slovak PO), Dvorak (The Water Goblin symphonic poem: Czech PO), Chopin (Ballade No 2: Cherkassky, piano), Tchaikovsky (Swan Lake suite: Berlin PO)

10.55 Dorward and Bloch: Leonard Friedman (violin), Allan Schiller (piano). Dorward's Souvenirs, and Bloch's Poeme mystique

11.30 Matinee musicale: Ulster Orchestra under James Lockhart, with John Harle (sax). Walton (Richard III prelude), Harle (Frank and Alice go boating), Milhaud (Saudades do Brasil suite), Villa-Lobos (Fantasia for sax, three horns and strings), Bliss (Conquest of the Air)

12.30 Gil Evans: Max Harrison presents the first of eight programmes devoted to the Canadian pianist, band leader and composer. Today: the early 1940s. **1.00** News

1.05 Concert Hall: Stephen Prutsman (piano), Lowri Blake (cello), Hiroko Yajima (violin). Mozart (Violin Sonata in B flat major, K 454), Frank Bridge (Trio No 2)

2.00 Russian music: BBC Scottish SO. under Graeme Jenkins. Mussorgsky (A night on the bare mountain), Balakirev (Symphony No 2)

2.50 Record Review: with Paul Vaughan. Includes Roger Norrington on Beethoven's symphonies.(r)

4.00 Choral Evensong: from the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick. A live transmission.

5.00 World Service News

5.10 Midweek Choice: Moszkowski (Piano Concerto in E: Ponti with Philharmonia Hungarica under Hans Richard Stracke), Poulenc (La dame de Monte Carlo: BBC Singers, BBC Concert Orchestra, Nan Christie, soprano. Conductor: Simon Joly), Busoni (Sonata No 2 in E minor: Granat, violin and Gray, piano), Schmidt (Variations on a hussar's song: New Philharmonia). **6.55** News

7.00 Choral Voices: New London Singers under Geoffrey Mitchell. Vaughan Williams (O vos omnes), Palestrina (Exultate Deo; Super flumina Babylonis), Herbert Sumsion (In exile), Antonin Tucapsky (Veni sancte spiritus)

7.30 Oedipus Stalin: Frank Williams's translation of Zinovy Zinik's story, read by Michael Pennington (r)

8.00 BBC SO in Naples: conducted by Yuri Temirkanov. A live transmission from the Teatro San Carlo. With Natalia Gutman (cello). Part one. Rimsky-Korsakov (Introduction and March, Le Coq d'or), Prokofiev (Sinfonia concertante in E minor, Op 125)

8.50 Six Continents: foreign radio broadcasts.

9.10 Concert (continued): Stravinsky (Petrushka, 1947)

10.15 Book, Music and Lyrics: songs from the musicals, presented by Robert Cushman (5)

11.00 Chamber Music from Manchester: Yefim Bronfman (piano). Schumann (Faschingsschwank aus Wein, Op 26), and Brahms (Variations and Fugue on theme by Handel Op 24)

11.57 News **12.00** Closedown.

Radio 4

LF (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming **6.25** Prayer (s)

6.30 Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather; Travel **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** *Thought for the Day* **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel

9.00 News

9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves (s)

10.00 News; Gardeners Question Time from Hellingly Horticulture Society, East Sussex (r)

10.30 Morning Story. A Nice Cup O'Tea by L A G Strong. The reader is Denys Hawthorne

10.45 Daily Service. New Every Morning, page 9 (s)

11.00 News; Travel; Pillars of Society. The power and influence of Britain's leading institutions. (3) Oxford. Those taking part include Roy Jenkins, Chancellor of the University (r)

11.48 Piano Portrait. Patricia Carroll introduces, and plays music from, her collection of Victorian pieces by pianists of the day. (3) Sydney Smith

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard

12.27 Lexicon of Laughter. Richard Anthony Baker takes a humorous trip through the alphabet. The voices include those of Peter Sellers, Beatrice Lillie and Mrs Shufflewick **12.55** Weather

1.00 The World at One. News

1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour, with Sue MacGregor. Includes an interview with the editor of The Independent, Andreas Whittam Smith. And Joseph O'Conor reads more from With O'Leary in the Grave, by Kevin Fitzgerald

3.00 News; The Afternoon Play. According to Plan by Kevin Elyot. Sisters-in-law go on a holiday to Rome. There is to be fateful meeting for one of them at the Trevi fountain. With Sheila Reid, Jean Anderson and Tom Wilkinson (s)

3.47 Time for Verse. H Colin Davis with poems that ask questions. (3) When?. The reader is Geoffrey Collins

4.00 News

4.05 File on 4 (new series).

4.45 Kaleidoscope Extra. May Festering. Paul Allen reports from the fifth Glasgow Mayfest. The attractions include The Gorbals Story, and Sophiatown, from South Africa.

5.00 PM. News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather; Travel

6.00 News. Financial report

6.30 Frank Muir Goes Into ... Despair. With Frank Muir and Alfred Marks. (s)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 In Business

7.45 Singer's Choice. Tenor and opera producer Nigel Douglas talks about his favourite singers. (3) Lisa della Casa (see Choice)

8.15 Analysis. General Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, who is coming up for retirement, in conversation with Ian Davidson. He talks about the current relationship between East and West

9.00 Thirty Minute Theatre. Reunion by John Casson. With Derek Newark and Robin Summers. The tale of a security van robbery that goes wrong (r) (s)

9.30 Journey Round My People. Jamaican-born Londoner Ferdi Dennis visits Birmingham

9.45 Kaleidoscope. Tonight's edition includes comment on the film That's Life, and the Royal Shakespeare Company production of Titus Andronicus at the Swan in Stratford-upon-Avon.

10.15 A Book at Bedtime. A Cure For Serpents by the Duke of Pirajno. The reader is Julian Glover (3) **10.29** Weather

10.30 The World Tonight

11.15 The Financial World Tonight

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News, Weather

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools: **11.00** Singing Along **11.20** Junior Drama Workshop **11.40** Maths **11.50** Poetry Corner **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.55** Listening Corner **2.05** Looking at Nature **2.20** Talk to Me **2.30** Pictures in Your Mind **2.40** Travel and Tourism **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30** Open University: **11.30** Modern Art **11.50** Education: Scottish Action Plan **12.30-1.10am** Schools Night-Time Broadcasting. Deutsches Magazin **12.30** Das Wetter **12.45** Radio/Fernsehen **1.00** Authentic German for GCSE

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Wembley match in danger of becoming a farce

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The opening fixture in the triangular Rous Cup tournament at Wembley on Tuesday night could develop into a farce. Both England and Brazil may by then be so far below full strength that the fixture will be little more than a public exercise between the respective sets of reserves.

As Bobby Robson was contemplating the possibility of losing more than a third of his England squad, Carlos Alberto discovered that his position may yet become even weaker. A domestic dispute, which could yet reach the courts of Rio de Janeiro, threatens to cut his chosen party almost in half.

Marcio Braga, the chairman of Flamengo and a member of parliament, has said that his club, on the verge of competing in decisive championship games, are not prepared to release their players. He will even seek an injunction to prevent Ze Carlos, Jorginho and Bebeto taking part on the tour.

Braga has gained the support of the chairmen of the two Brazilian clubs involved in the Libertadores Cup, the South American championship. Leonel Martins, of Guarani, and Miguel Aidar, of Sao Paolo, have also stated that they are ready to join him in taking legal action.

Carlos Alberto will certainly be without Careca, one of only six remnants from the World Cup finals in the squad. He announced that he had withdrawn because he wants more time to negotiate his transfer to Napoli, the team led by Maradona to the Italian title last weekend.

The problems of the Brazilian manager have, momentarily at least, ushered those of Robson into the background. But the FA Cup Final, which has delayed his plans, could yet reduce them to chaos. He has dismissed his initial intention of assembling his men at Bisham Abbey tomorrow.

"I would have had only eight players and two of them would have been goalkeepers," he said. "As it is, anything could happen this weekend. If there is a need for a replay in the FA Cup Final, I will lose the six from Tottenham as well as Regis from Coventry."

Regis is one of several figures waiting in the shadows. Other substitutes asked to make themselves available if necessary include Dorigo, Aston Villa's left back, Hill and Johnston, midfield players at Luton Town and Liverpool respectively, and Smith, Arsenal's new forward.

Squad details

P Shilton (Southampton), C Woods (Glasgow Rangers), D Seaman (Queen's Park Rangers), G Stevens (Everton), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), M Thomas (Tottenham Hotspur), T Butcher (Rangers), G Mabbutt (Tottenham Hotspur), D Watson (Everton), A Adams (Arsenal), M Wright (Southampton), S Hodge (Tottenham Hotspur), G Hoddle (Tottenham Hotspur), B Robson (Manchester United), P Reid (Everton), N Webb (Nottingham Forest), G Lineker (Barcelona), C Allen (Tottenham Hotspur) M Hateley (AC Milan), A Cottee (West Ham United), J Barnes (Watford), C Waddle (Tottenham Hotspur), P Beardsley (Newcastle United).

They may be required. Apart from the obvious fears about the outcome at Wembley, Robson has slight doubts about Butcher, admits that Beardsley is "touch and go" and points out that Lineker and Hateley are "both playing in their respective countries on Sunday."

The foreign exiles and Tottenham's representatives will all be excused from training when the party gathers on Sunday. Consequently, the side that starts against Brazil, which will probably include at least one debutant, will be able to practice collectively for one day.

No-one will be at a greater disadvantage than Pearce. Some four years after wearing the colours of Wealdstone, he is expected to become the first Englishman other than Sansom to don the No. 3 shirt since Kennedy was selected against Wales more than three years ago.

Robson welcomes the emergence of three youngsters who are capable of filling the most notable gap in his array of replacements. But Pearce, recently promoted above the younger Thomas, might have chosen more conventional and less gifted opponents to test his international claims.

Robson, who wants "as much experience as possible", may prefer to move Mabbutt across to left back but his line-up will remain full of question marks and parentheses until *48 hours before the fixture*. After it, he knows that he will have to find another understudy.

Lineker returns to Barcelona on Wednesday and will miss the visit to Scotland, where England will close their long season. Robson could have extended it by accepting an invitation to play in Italy on June 7. He declined and the Brazilians agreed to complete their tour there instead.

● Mick Mills, the manager of Stoke City, insists Manchester City will have to come up with £50,000 if they want to take his midfield player, Brian Talbot, as their player-coach.

Derby firm that Cox stays

By Dennis Shaw

An Aston Villa bid to lure Arthur Cox as their managerial successor to Billy McNeill has been firmly repelled by Derby County. Doug Ellis, the Villa chairman, approached the Derby managing director, Stuart Webb, for permission to speak to Cox but he was given a short, sharp refusal.

"They went through the correct official channels and they were officially rejected," Webb said. "We have taken a positive stand and Cox and his assistant, Roy McFarland, are not available." Cox and McFarland have, in fact, both this week signed extended contracts.

Villa saw Cox's achievement in taking both Newcastle (1984) and Derby (1987) into the first division as precisely the qualifications they are seeking, especially since their former coach from the late 1960s also took Derby out of third division last year.

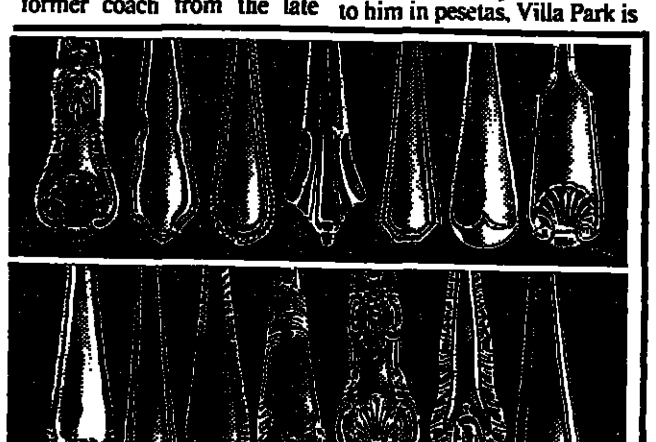
The approach for Cox and their determination to explore every possible avenue explains why the eager Ron Atkinson has been kept on terterhooks. Villa will not reveal the name on top of the short-list they have produced from 17 applications but the former West Bromwich Albion and Manchester United manager is almost certainly the one.

Ellis is in a strong position in the sense that he is well aware that Atkinson, who once played for Villa as a youth and has family roots in Birmingham, would cearly relish the challenge. Discussions have already been held between them

Although representatives of Athlético Madrid are due in from Spain today to talk terms to him in pesetas, Villa Park is the venue he would choose, given the option. He prefers to stay in the Football League, and for that reason the size of his pay cheque is not the overriding factor.

● Leeds United expect to be at full strength for the second division promotion play-off tie against Oldham Athletic at Elland Road tomorrow. Oldham have fixed a noon kick-off for the second leg at Boundary Park on Sunday.

● Sunderland have injury problems for the first leg of their play-off tie at Gillingham on tomorrow. David Buchanan, the leading goalscorer, has been virtually ruled out while the caretaker manager, Bob Stokoe, will make a late decision on whether to risk their forward, Keith Bertschin, who fractured his nose at the weekend.



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Madden is cleared by inquiry

By Ian Stafford

The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday decided to take no further action over the riding of the Irish jockey, Niall Madden, on Attitude Adjuster in last month's Grand National at Aintree.

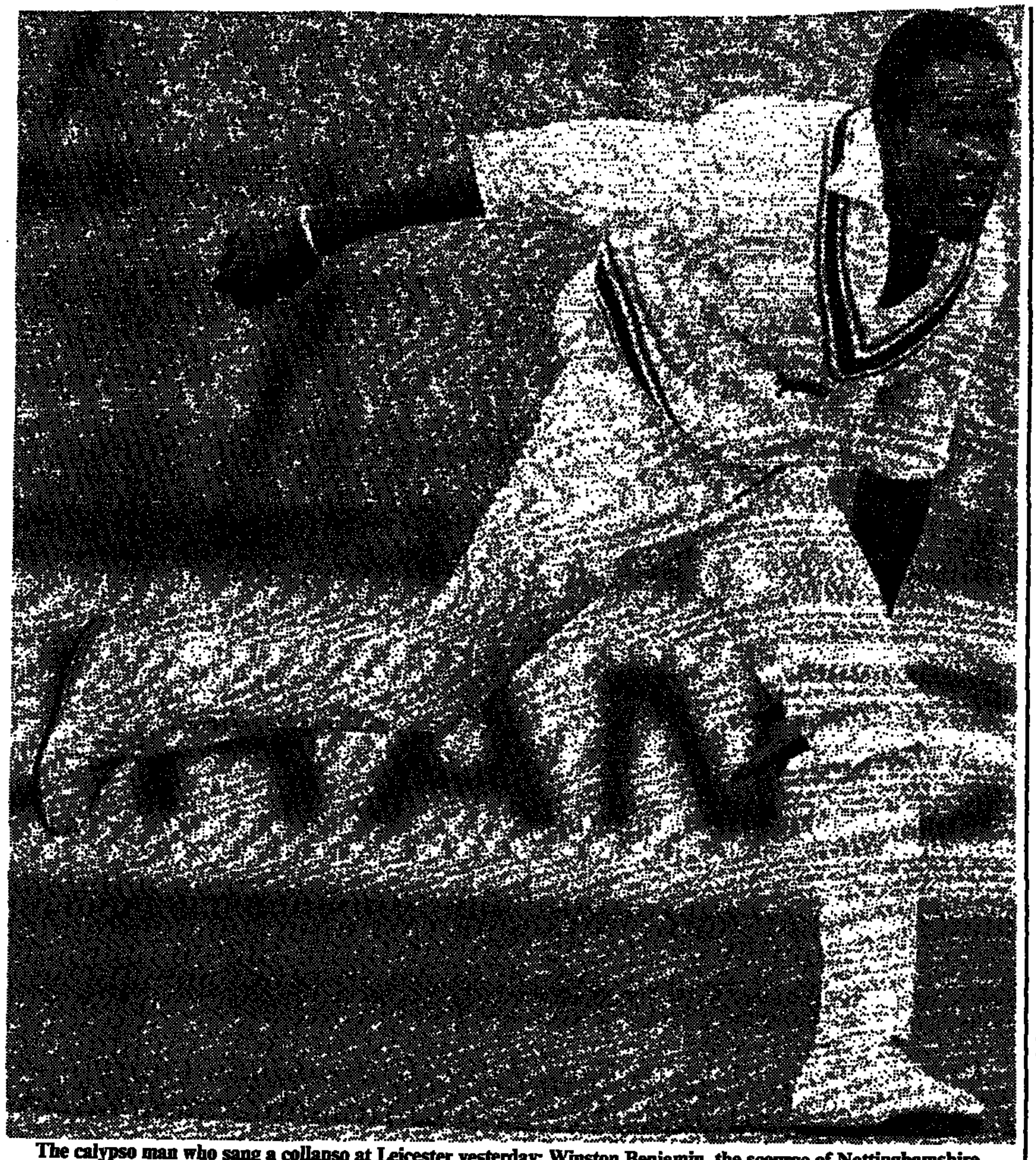
The inquiry concentrated on whether Madden's riding on the unplaced horse had contributed directly to the fatal fall of Dark Ivy at the notorious Becher's Brook when he swerved across the path of the second favourite. It also considered whether Madden had used his whip too severely on the run in.

Madden, who was represented by three lawyers, gave evidence and the committee viewed video recordings of the official race surveillance and of the BBC coverage of the Grand National and the Whitbread Trophy Steeplechase held over the same course.

The committee resolved that Attitude Adjuster had interfered with Dark Ivy but were satisfied that it was accidental and that Madden had not breached the rules.

They also received written evidence from the horse's trainer, Michael "Mouse" Morris, and the veterinary surgeon who saw to the horse immediately after the race to attend to a leg injury. Madden was found not to have breached the instruction regarding improper use of the whip.

Madden faces an Irish National Hunt Steeplechase Committee in Dublin on Friday for accusations of excessive use of the whip at Clonmel last month.



The calypso man who sang a collapso at Leicester yesterday: Winston Benjamin, the scourge of Nottinghamshire

Midlands win IOC Session

From David Miller

Istanbul

Birmingham took a foothold on the long climb to re-establish Britain's administrative reputation in world sport when the city was elected, by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) here yesterday, to host the IOC session in 1991.

The session will be the first event at the Birmingham £44-million convention centre, which will be opened by the Queen in June that year. It is hoped, therefore, she may also formerly open the session of some 90 members.

Birmingham won on the seventh ballot among six candidates, defeating Budapest 36-35. It is alleged a Budapest supporter was out of the hall having a cigarette. Dennis Howell, the shadow Sports Minister, who was here last week lobbying with his council members, said yesterday: "It's very gratifying. Birmingham is now firmly in the middle of the world sporting map."

Hosting a session has no particular significance other than to demonstrate a nation's sporting enthusiasm. Britain last staged a session during the 1948 Games. The main business of 1991 will be to elect the winter Games host for 1998. Birmingham are optimistic that they can stage the session for £250,000 if they attract sufficient sponsorship and corporate hosts to share the entertainment. The 92nd session here is said to have cost £1million.

Among those campaigning for Birmingham have been Joaõ Havelange, the president of FIFA, and Ivan Dibos, of Peru. Some say Birmingham's election is a token for their failure in last autumn's election for the 1992 Games, and yesterday's success is not thought to be relevant to any decision on the 1996 Games, for which Birmingham hope to bid.

The proposed visit to Pyongyang by an IOC delegations, in the attempt to resolve the dispute between North and South Korea over next year's Games, was confirmed in principle yesterday between Juan Antonio Samaranch and Yu Sum Kim, the North Korean member. But Pyongyang must still confirm by telex next week, and doubts remain. Yu Sum Kim said that if the IOC delegate comes, he will attempt to have the military demarkation line opened at Panmunjom for the delegation to travel south by road.

The following IOC elections have taken place: Vice-president: Richard Pound (Canada). Executive board: Chiharu Igaya (Japan). Membership: Ivan Slavkov (Bulgaria), replacing the retiring 95-year-old General Stoytchev. Slobodan Filipovic (Yugoslavia) for Boris Bakrac; Anton Geesink (Netherlands) for Cornelius Kerdel; and Paul Wallwork (Western Samoa), the first member of the South Pacific Islands.

In closing, Samaranch said that he believed, in re-admitting tennis, the Olympic movement had taken the same rational and honest step as Wimbledon when admitting professionals.

All Saint goes marching in with a hat-trick of rhythm

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LEICESTER: (Leicestershire won the toss) Nottinghamshire have scored 62 for five against Leicestershire

There was time before rain ended play for the day at Grace Road yesterday for Nottinghamshire to suffer a really choice collapse in the Benson and Hedges Cup. Halfway through the seventeenth over they were 43 for no wicket, troubled mainly by the odd ball that kept low; 18 balls later they were 46 for six. Soon afterwards, when the weather closed in, they were 62 for six.

It would be nice to be able to say that the damage was done by Leicestershire's two young England bowlers, Agnew and DeFreitas. Instead Willey, the old warhorse, took the first two wickets and Winston Benjamin, from All Saints, Antigua, the last four, three of them to a hat-trick.

First Robinson played inside a scuppler from Willey; then, next ball, Randall was leg-before to one that turned. In the over after that Rice drove Benjamin and Whitticase, diving to his right, held a good low catch.

The hat-trick came in Benjamin's next over when Johnson went much as Rice had, though to a more straightforward catch, and Hadlee and French were both leg-before, surprised by Benjamin's accuracy and beaten by his speed. Just in from New Zealand, Hadlee was facing his first ball of the season.

Numbers three, four, five, six and seven all made nought and if it was not quite a royal flush it was the next best thing. Robinson, Randall and Hadlee have made a dozen Test hundreds between them, Rice is a formidably good player and Johnson a highly promising one.

It was all marvellously unexpected. At one moment Leicestershire, cold and only fairly cheerful, looked to have a lot of hard work ahead of them; an hour later most of it was done.

Now the bad news, anyway for England. Benjamin bowled fast and well, as though he is primed already to step into the West Indian team and make their opponents sit up. He can bat, too, and fields like a cat. We first saw him playing for the Leeward Islands against Gower's side early last year when he had England on the run in their second innings.

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He reappeared, without being given much of a chance, in the West Indian team in Australia last winter, since when he has been home and helped to take the Leewards to the final of the Shell Shield.

Benjamin is 22 and with the rhythm for the game that gives many West Indians a flying start.

Broad being out with a hamstring (he had a run-around beforehand but it was decided not to risk him), Nottinghamshire's innings was opened by Newell, who makes up by determination what he lacks in height. He is still there to try and make something of Nottinghamshire's slender hopes today. Play was called off yesterday at 3.0, the morning showers having turned into something much worse by then.

Grace Road is in fine shape, well appointed and fully worthy now of a one-day international. The playing staff number 25, with likely players like Briers, Cobb and Such and ageless ones like Balderstone and Clift all eager for some first-team cricket.

NOTTINGHAM	
M Newell not out	26
R T Robinson b Willey	18
D W Randall lbw b Willey	0
*C E B Rice c Whitticase b Benjamin	0
P Johnson C Whitticase b Benjamin	0
R J Hadlee lbw b Benjamin	0
†B N French lbw b Benjamin	0
E E Hemmings not out	10
Extras (lb 1, w 6, nb 1)	8
Total (6 wkts, 25.3 overs)	62

R A Pick, K E Cooper and K Saxelby to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-43, 3-46, 4-46, 5-46, 6-46.

LEICESTERSHIRE: L Potter, I P Butcher, J J Whitaker, *P Willey, D I Gower, T J Boon, P A J DeFreitas, W K R Benjamin, †P Whitticase, J P Agnew and L B Taylor.

Umpires: J W Holder and P B Wight.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Miandad on way

Javed Miandad, Pakistan's most experienced batsman, is due to leave Islamabad for London today to join the touring team in England. He has been delayed because his *wife has just given birth* to their second son.

Pakistan are still awaiting Abdul Qadir, the leg-spinner, to join the 15-week tour, but *his wife is still ill* and he is uncertain when he can leave her.

MIM all-clear

MIM Livingston, the Scottish champions, expect to be given the final clearance today to play in the new English premier league next season the English and Scottish basketball associations finally agreed to the move after months of negotiations.

Ohana moves

Mechelen, joint leaders with Anderlecht in the Belgian football first division, will sign Eli Ohana, the Israel international with 22 caps, from Betar Jerusalem for $500,000 (about £300,000). Liverpool were also interested.

Stadler in fray

Craig Stadler, the former US Masters champion, is to compete in next month's Dunhill British Masters at Woburn alongside Bernhard Langer, José-Maria Olázabal, Sam Torrance and Ian Woosnam for the £33,000 first prize. Dunhill are still hoping to persuade Severiano Ballesteros to change his mind and defend his title.

Stadler: entered Masters

Six of best

Jon Ridgeon, the exciting England hurdler, intends to show his versatility in the 113th university match on Saturday between Oxford and Cambridge. At the Iffley Road track. Oxford, the first year student at Magdalene College, Cambridge, will tackle the 110m and 200m hurdles, 100m and 200m sprints, sprint relay and long jump.

Sharp-shooter

David Ford, national coaching director of the Billiards and Snooker Foundation, is worried over 'cowboy coaches.' He said: "We must ensure that snooker coaching does not earn a bad name. We now have more than 200 qualified coaches, but many unqualified coaches are just out to make some quick money. New players must contact their local clubs to ensure expert coaching."

In full focus

Dave Bassett, who resigned as Wimbledon manager on Monday, is joining BBC Television's FA Cup Final team at Wembley on Saturday. He takes over from Terry Venables to give expert opinions with Kenny Dalglish, the Liverpool player-manager.

Holding fire

Doug Dailey, Britain's national cycling coach, yesterday postponed a decision on the final line-up for a six-man team for the Dutch Olympia Tour, starting on May 23. Dailey expects to include some riders who have recently performed well during stage races in Spain.

Sting in tail

Rachael Heyhoe Flint has stingingly attacked the Women's Cricket Association's soft-pedal on disciplinary action on five England players who played or coached in South Africa in January. "Their reluctance is incomprehensible compared with the rapid banning of 12 players in 1986," the former England captain wrote to the WCA.

Bags packed

West Bromwich Albion, after a disappointing season in the second division, have started a clear-out with four senior players on the transfer list: Barry Cowdrill, Martin Dickinson and Bobby Williamson are for sale and Clive Whitehead has been given a free transfer.

END COLUMN

English rugby hopes aglow

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

It was a curious leave-taking. England's rugby players trotted round a deserted Twickenham. The only sound was the clearing of debris which the 60,000 who watched last Saturday's Middlesex sevens had left behind them and the chatter of a visiting French schools party.

Even the weather did not know whether to bid them a cheerful or spiteful farewell at their final domestic training before yesterday evening's flight to Brisbane and the inaugural World Cup. England were the first of the home countries to travel. Scotland, Ireland and Wales leave tomorrow for what is a step into the unknown for all of us: players, officials, media.

Things will go wrong; indeed in a minor way, they did yesterday; it is not often that rugby gets a mention on Derek Jameson's morning radio show but Roger Quittenton – one of England's two World Cup referees – was the beneficiary of a broadcast appeal for his passport which had gone AWOL between Twickenham and Sussex. Fortunately the document turned up at Twickenham later in the day.

The injury worries have faded too. A period of rest and daily physiotherapy involving a three-hour round trip to Plymouth has restored Graham Dawe to something approaching full health. The Bath hooker sprung a rib cartilage during the John Player Special Cup final on May 2 but was able to satisfy a bevvy of interested doctors and coaches that he was fit to travel.

There is an unmistakeable sense of anticipation among the players. There always is before a tour but this tournament has something extra.

There is much optimism, a sense of newness, assisted by the kitting out which took place in the morning and leaves the 26 players and six officials well equipped with anything from ties to T-shirts. Blazer badges glowed in the sun, apparently part of the positive message which Mike Harrison, the captain, is drumming into his players.

"There is no point in going unless we think we can take the cup," the 31-year-old Wakefield wing said. "I believe in the quality of my players. There will be competition in many areas and that will sharpen all our preparation. There is a little bit extra for this trip. It's a World Cup. This is the chance to be top of the league for four years."

Gary Pearce, the Northampton prop, has made five tours with England, the first in 1979, but he has not before played in Australia which adds zest for him. For others who have never been overseas at all with England the spice is already there.

There has never been a preparation like this for England's players and there is relief now that the waiting is over. It began nearly a year ago and the personnel have changed little; this will not prevent a considerable competition for places in the side since it is appreciated that some players may not even get a game.

An added civilising touch and one that may provide an additional incentive is that wives and girl friends will be flown out to join the squad in the event of their reaching the final in Auckland, the road to which begins in Sydney against Australia on May 23.

The party will miss the General Election and the gathering hysteria which will attend it. Whether this will make the difference in a Conservative, Labour or an Alliance victory is doubtful; I understand the president of the RFU Alan Grimsdell, has arranged his proxy vote. Mike Harrison has not. But it should not be assumed that he expects to be back in the country by June 11, polling day. "My MP can get by without my vote," he says dryly. Harrison has other fish to fry.

● Philippe Berot, the Agen wing and goal kicker, has been forced by a thigh injury to withdraw from the French World Cup party. His place has been taken by Marc Andrieu (Nimes), who was capped last year against Argentina. One of England's World Cup group opponents, the United States, went down 33-9 in a warm-up match against Canada in Vancouver over the weekend.